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We are already showing our commitment by providing 56 pages full of colour as well as distributing the magazine at newsagents throughout Australia while retaining a cover price of only \$2, despite the costs involved.

The value for money only starts there however. We want the content of Aussie Soccer to be what really convinces readers to support the magazine with their patronage.

We aim to provide you with the best in depth coverage of the best sport in the world, with the best pictures, the most accurate statistics as well as exclusive interviews and the best features.

Our first issue deals extensively with the 14 clubs in the National Soccer League but we will be extending our coverage

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associated with the  
launching of the new look  
"Aussie Soccer". The  
monthly magazine, with  
its in depth articles and  
reports will enhance the  
prestige of the league  
and its clubs.

There is no doubt that  
soccer has turned the  
corner and the 43,000  
packed house at the  
Sydney Football Stadium  
for the World Cup game  
against Israel in April is  
an indication of the  
renewed interest in the  
code and our national  
team.

Although we are disap-  
pointed with our failure to  
reach the next round of  
the qualifying series of  
the World Cup, the stan-  
dard of our game overall  
and the quality of players  
we are now producing,  
must give us confidence  
for greater success in the  
future.

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cer family.

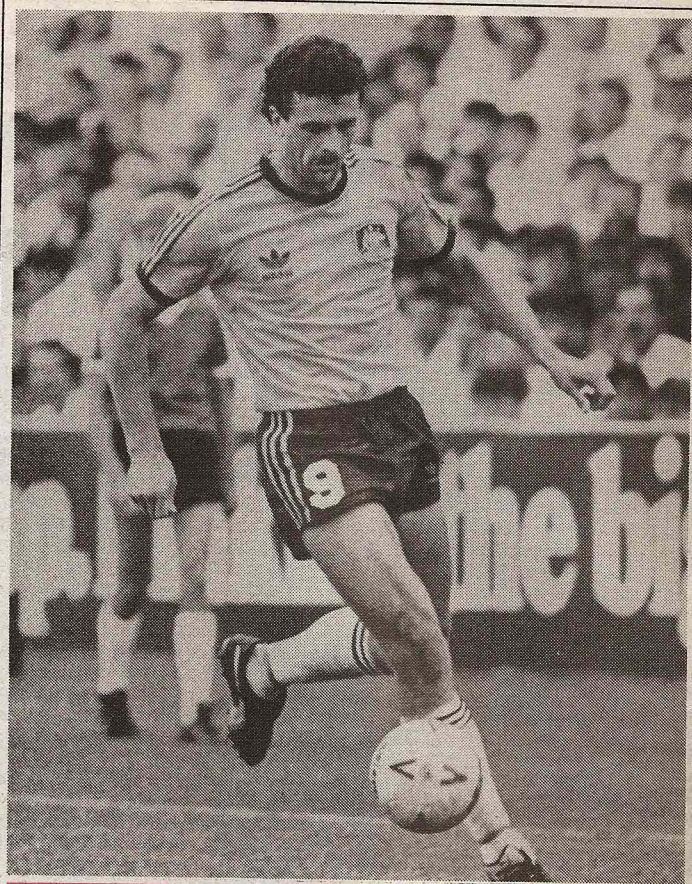
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GRAHAM ARNOLD

## WADE, OLVER, YANKOS, SAVOR AND JENNINGS TOO OLD AS AROK RECOMMENDS A

Australia should organise a  
match for the 1989 Socceroos  
to thank the players of the  
eighties... and then should  
build a new team made of  
players who are 25 years old  
or younger.

That is the advice Frank  
Arok will be giving the Aus-  
tralian Soccer Federation  
when he gets consulted about  
the national team.

Australia bowed out of the  
World Cup qualifiers by man-  
aging only a 1-1 draw against  
Israel on April 16, when it  
needed a win to finish top of  
the Oceania group.

Arok admitted he will feel  
sick about that result "for the  
next 10 years" but added that  
Australia must start planning  
immediately for the next  
World Cup.

And he has already started  
formulating the ideal make-up  
of the team.

"I would like to have a big  
game so we can say 'thank  
you' to these guys who made

up the beautiful team of the  
80s," Arok said.

"Then we should start mak-  
ing sure that the younger  
brigade is kept together and  
giving them the international  
experience to build the new  
team.

"No one in the new team  
should be older than 25  
because we should be aiming  
for 1994 from now.

"It has been proven that  
the ideal age for players play-  
ing in the World Cup is 28."

The 25 year old limit would  
rule out several players from  
the present team including  
Wally Savor, Graham Jen-  
nings, Jeff Olver, Charlie  
Yankos, Paul Wade, Oscar  
Crino and Peter Raskopoulos.

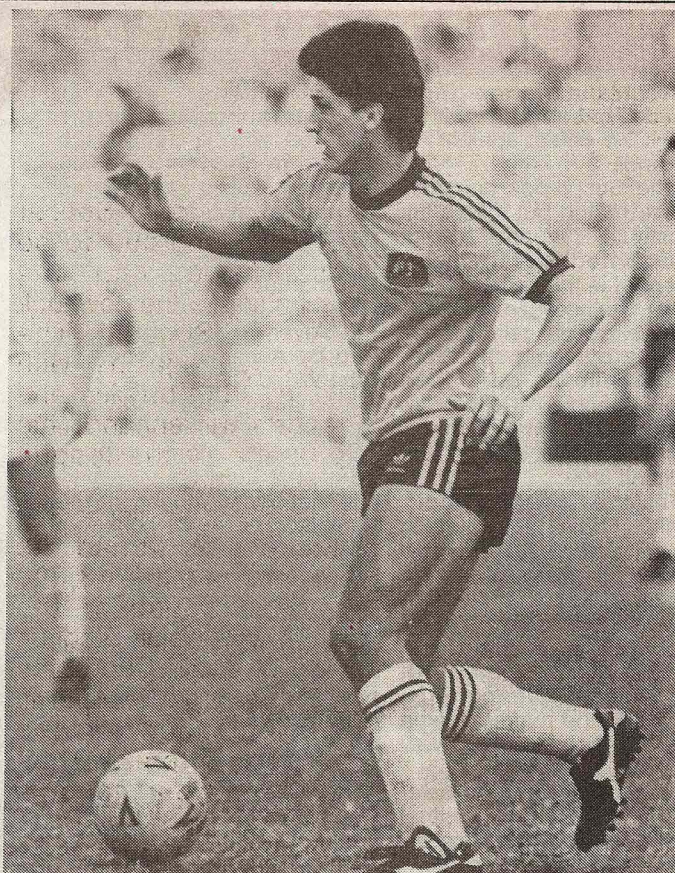
Arok acknowledged that all  
those players are already  
over the age limit but pointed  
out there cannot be room for  
sentiment.

"Regardless of whether  
Frank Arok is in charge, I  
have no doubt in my mind





MIKE PETERSON



OSCAR CRINO

# 25 AGE LIMIT

that 25 should be the limit," Arok said.

"At most there may be one single player of around 26 and Crino may be that player.

"Crino, Graham Arnold (25) and Mike Gibson (25) should be looked at as the older heads of the new group."

Arok's contract with the Australian Soccer Federation has another year to run and chairman Ian Brusasco intends to ask him to start working on a completely new side away from the senior Socceroos - the Australian Under 23 side which will participate in the Olympic Games qualifiers for 1992.

Arok is quite prepared to handle that task with the coaching staff he has built around him.

"I have never handled a team on my own - I always have other people around me capable of taking over because sooner or later I'm going to die

"It is an education for them because they can't learn it (the international scene) in a club situation."

The assistants to Arok in the World Cup campaign were Gary Cole, John Margaris and Bertie Mariani.

On the Under 23 side, the national coach said, "We have to put together the list of players who are eligible because that selection would already be getting trained, conditioned and taught the international experience. It is already too late to be starting now."

Australia also has to learn from its mistakes in the past World Cup campaign - not only from the playing side but also at the negotiating table.

Arok believes Australia's World Cup chances were hindered by the time of the fixtures.

"If we had planned the games to be in May and June, we would have been able to

get the overseas based players to train with us for two to three weeks and get them conditioned to our system of play," he said.

Arok used four overseas based players in Charlie Yankos, Frank Farina, Edi Krncevic and David Mitchell.

Some critics have questioned their inclusion and claimed the overseas players robbed the team of the fluent play it had established in earlier matches.

"I would have been inclined to agree if we had won the game in New Zealand. But we used the home based players in that match and we were well beaten over there - we didn't command the game and we hardly came close to scoring.

"I remain comfortable with the choices I made with my selections."

Of the four used, only Farina falls into the age bracket Arok is planning for the next

Socceroos.

"I would only be prepared to use the overseas guys if we can have them here two weeks before the game. Otherwise we would be wasting our time and energy.

"Charlie Yankos is the perfect example of that. He was conditioned with the team and tuned into all the tactics but the constant travelling prevented him from playing even close to his capabilities in the last few games (against Israel and NZ)."

Looking ahead the nucleus of the team is already there since a good number of the players in the squad are in their early 20s.

They include Gary Van Egmond, Andy Koczka, Jason Polak, Andrew Bernal, Mike Petersen, Warren Spink, Scott Ollerenshaw, and Paul Trimboli.

It is now up to the Australian Soccer Federation to put the plans into action.



## A LOOK BACK...AND THE CRUEL STATISTICS

Australia began their World Cup campaign with a shock 0-1 defeat against Fiji in Nandi.

The Socceroos dominated the match but it was Fiji substitute Ravuame Madigi who scored the all important goal in the second half.

In the return match, Charlie Yankos relieved the anxiety by firing the Socceroos into an early lead with a spectacular shot from 30 metres and Warren Spink netted a second before half time.

In the second half, Yankos converted a penalty and Graham Arnold and Paul Trimboli added two more. A fracas broke out among the 22 players in injury time with punches being freely exchanged but the 5-2 aggregate put Australia into the main Oceania group with Israel and New Zealand.

Israel kicked off its campaign with Roni Rosenthal scoring the only goal in a 1-0 win over NZ in Tel Aviv. The Socceroos thrashed the Kiwis 4-1 in Sydney the following week, with Oscar Crino breaking the deadlock early, Graham Arnold adding two more, and Yankos scoring a penalty to make it 4-1 after Malcolm Dunford had reduced the arrears.

The Australians moved to the cauldron of Ramat Gan and achieved a 1-1 draw against the odds.

Eli Ohana shot Israel into the lead from a dubious penalty decision against

Alan Davidson.

But Yankos levelled the scores with a superb 25 metre freekick into the top corner. Australia became group favorite and was expected to win comfortably in NZ.

Instead history won out and NZ retained its record of never having been beaten by Australia at home in the World Cup.

Dunford headed NZ into an early lead and after the Socceroos ambled through the next hour creating only one chance, Wright hit the knock-out blow by scoring a second goal for the Kiwis.

NZ went on to hold Israel 2-2 the following week to put new life into the group.

Over 40,000 turned out in Sydney to urge the Socceroos on to the win they required against Israel to finish top.

But a defensive slip allowed Ohana to put the Israelis into the lead.

Australia threw everything into attack in the second half and after surviving a number of swift counter attacks, managed an equaliser when substitute Paul Trimboli volleyed home three minutes from the end.

Italian referee Longhi blew the final whistle on the Socceroos hopes four minutes earlier than anticipated by not playing any injury time.

But Israel was a worthy winner and now goes on to represent Oceania in the next phase of the qualifiers.



**Caption:** Above - the story of the game. Socceroo Edi Krncevic is outnumbered by Israeli defenders Moshe Sinai, Yaron Parselani & Yehuda Amar in the encounter in Sydney. Below left: Graham Arnold evades the tackle from Alan Davidson in the same game.

### ALL THE OCEANIA RESULTS....

#### ROUND 1

##### Group 1.

- 11.12.88. TAIWAN 0  
NZ 4 (Wright 36' McClennan 45' Barkley 58' Halligan 76').  
18.12.88. NZ 4 (McClennan 16' 41' 49' Wright 11')  
TAIWAN 1 (Lund og 55').

Winner, NZ, advances to Rd 2.

##### Group 2.

- 26.11.88. FIJI 1 (Madigi 66')  
AUSTRALIA 0.  
3.12.88. AUSTRALIA 5 (Yankos 9' 69' pen, Spink 25' Arnold 84' Trimboli 87')  
FIJI 1 (Goneqali 91').

Winner, Australia, advances to Rd 2.

#### ROUND 2.

- 5.3.89. ISRAEL 1 (Rosenthal 8')  
NEW ZEALAND 0.  
12.3.89. AUSTRALIA 4 (Crino 16' Arnold 42' 56' Yankos 78' pen)  
NEW ZEALAND 1 (Dunford 70').  
19.3.89. ISRAEL 1 (Ohana pen 66')  
AUSTRALIA 1 (Yankos 72').  
2.4.89. NEW ZEALAND 2 (Dunford 18' Wright 80')  
AUSTRALIA 0.  
9.4.89. NEW ZEALAND 2 (Wright 20' Dunford 35')  
ISRAEL 2 (Rosenthal 12' Klinger 38').  
16.4.89. Sydney Australia.  
AUSTRALIA 1 (Trimboli 87')  
ISRAEL 1 (Ohana 40').

AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Savor. Yankos. Van Egmond. Wade (Petersen 46').  
Crino. Arnold. Davidson. Farina (Trimboli 66').

ISRAEL: Krncevic. Mitchell. Coach: Arok.  
Ginzburg. A. Cohen. Alon. Yaron Parselani. Klinger.  
Amar. Tikva (Aharoni 88'). Sinai. Davidi. Ohana.  
Rosenthal. Coaches: Grundman, Schneor.

	P	W	D	L	F-A	P
Israel	4	1	3	0	4-3	5
Australia	4	1	2	1	6-5	4
NZ	4	1	1	2	4-6	3

Winner to play-off against Conmebol group 2 winner for a spot in the 1990 World Cup finals.

The Goalscorers

4 McClennan (NZ), Wright (NZ), Yankos (A, 2 pens), 3 Arnold (A), Dunford (NZ), 2 Ohana (I, 1p), Rosenthal (I), Trimboli (A), 1 Barkley (NZ), Crino (A), Goneqali (F), Halligan (NZ), Klinger (I), Madigi (F), Own goal (F), Spink (A).







Alan Davidson in action against  
Niklas Larsson of Malmö

# BRAVO DAVO

Australian soccer has to put the past behind it and start planning ahead after its exit from the 1990 World Cup.

The Australian Soccer Federation will meet with national coach Frank Arok to map out a better preparation campaign to bring out the new younger generation of Socceroos who will lead Australia into the next decade.

Before that happens, Australian soccer has to pay tribute to the men who have improved our standing at international level over the six year period that Arok has been in charge.

Alan Davidson heads the list of those players after announcing his retirement from international soccer only a day after Australia bowed out of the World Cup.

"Davo", as he is known to players, supporters, and officials announced his retirement in 1988 but was talked out of it by Arok and played a significant part in the Olympic Games qualifying and finals campaign as well as figuring in his third World Cup trail.

He made his debut for Australia coming on as a substitute for George Christopoulos in a match against Czechoslovakia in Melbourne on February 9, 1980.

"All I remember from that game is that I ran and ran and ran. Czechoslovakia were here as the European champions and I think we got a draw (2-2) but all I could think about at the final whistle was that I was absolutely stuffed," Davidson recalled.

Since then he figured in matches all over the world against an assortment of teams ranging from Fiorentina, to Leicester, China, Juventus, Nottingham Forest, Iraklis, Scotland, South Korea, Brazil, Yugoslavia and finally this year Malmö and the World Cup qualifiers.

"I had 10 years of experience and been part of three World Cup

campaigns, and I think it is time now to look to the new breed to lead the Socceroos," he said.

"There are plenty of others keen to get a chance.

"I know that I am coming to the end of my career and am in the transitional period where I am looking outside soccer for my future."

Alan and his wife Effie plan to build a house and start a family.

And the Socceroo already has bought a courier business



## BRAVO DAVO continued

which he intends to build up now that he won't have the interstate and overseas travelling commitments with the Socceroos.

"The highlights of my involvement with the Socceroos have to be the two games against Scotland in 1985 because it was the closest we came to qualifying for the World Cup finals.

"The Gold Cup against Argentina and Brazil also was a good campaign.

"And the Olympic Games was a unique thing for all of us and in some way will compensate for not having made the World Cup finals.

"But I suppose it is the disappointments which will stick out more and NZ figures in both matches which were the low-lights.

"They beat us 0-2 in Sydney in 1981 to knock us out and the 0-2 loss in Auckland this year also turned out to be the crucial result which cost us the Oceania group.

"I'm a bit disappointed for the team more than myself that it ended that way but I have no regrets.

"To anybody starting a Soccer career, I can assure them it will help them to mature in life, it will open their eyes to living generally.

"My advice is to go for it."

Alan Davidson... Australian Soccer salutes you.



**No way past... ALAN DAVIDSON stops Israel's SHALOM TIKVA in his last international for Australia**

### THE LEADERS IN SOCCEROO APPEARANCES

115.....Peter Wilson	72.....Manfred Schaefer
102.....John Kosmina	71.....Oscar Crino
100.....Jimmy Rooney	63.....Frank Farina
89.....Atti Abonyi	62.....John Warren
85.....Charlie Yankos	62.....Adrian Alston
81.....Graham Jennings	61.....Doug Utjesenovic
74.....Alan Davidson	60.....Ray Richards

### ALAN DAVIDSON'S INTERNATIONAL RECORD FOR AUSTRALIA.

Alan Davidson's 74 games for Australia makes him the player with the 7th highest number of appearances for the Socceroos.

He overtook Manfred Schaefer during the World Cup campaign.

The overall leader remains Peter Wilson (on 115) who is unlikely to be overtaken.

In full international match appearances (games between Australia and national sides of other countries), Davidson is 6th on the list falling just one short of reaching the half ton.

He played for Australia either at fullback or in midfield throughout the 10 years but still managed to score three goals - against Dinamo Zagreb and Indonesia in 1981 and against Taiwan last year.

Alan Davidson has become one of the All Time Greats of Australian Soccer.

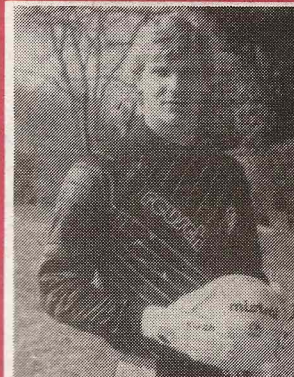
Key: Names in capitals denote full internationals. (s) denotes substitute appearance. \* denotes goal scored.

- 1980:** v CZECHOSLOVAKIA (s). New Caledonia. PAPUA NEW GUINEA. New Hebrides. Tahiti. NTH IRELAND (s). GREECE. England B. Fiorentina. Leicester City. Dinamo Zagreb. ISRAEL. HONG KONG. INDONESIA.
- 1981:** Dinamo Zagreb\*. NZ. NZ. INDONESIA\*. TAIWAN. FIJI. FIJI.
- 1982:** THAILAND. INDONESIA. MALAYSIA. STH KOREA.
- 1983:** NZ. NZ. ENGLAND. ENGLAND. ENGLAND.
- 1984:** Manchester Utd. Notts Forest. Rangers. Notts Forest. Juventus. Juventus. Juventus. Iraklis. Iraklis.
- 1985:** CHINA. ISRAEL. ISRAEL. NZ. SCOTLAND. SCOTLAND.
- 1987:** Everton. Chile B. Sth Korea B. Fortuna Sittard. SOUTH KOREA. NZ.
- 1988:** Gothenburg. Dinamo Zagreb. TAIWAN\*. ISRAEL. TAIWAN. BRAZIL. S.ARBIA. ARGENTINA. BRAZIL. YUGOSLAVIA. BRAZIL. NIGERIA. USSR. NZ. NZ. FIJI. FIJI.
- 1989:** Malmo. Malmo. NZ. ISRAEL. NZ. ISRAEL.
- Total: 74 appearances (49 full internationals). 3 goals (2 in full int).**

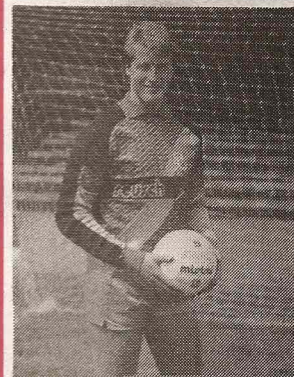


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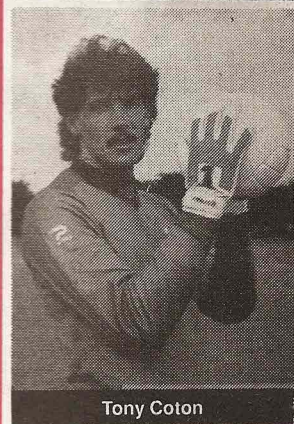
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## ALL THE RESULTS, STANDINGS & FIXTURES IN THE WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

### EUROPE

Italy qualifies as host nation. 13 other teams to qualify. The winners and runners-up from grp 3, grp 5, grp 6, and grp 7 qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals. The winners from grp 1, grp 2, and grp 4 also qualify directly to World Cup finals. The two best from the runners-up in grp 1, grp 2 and grp 4, will qualify for the World Cup finals. The best two runners up will be decided on (i) points gained, then (ii) superior goal difference, then (iii) superior number of goals scored. If two teams are still tied, a play-off will take place at a neutral venue.

#### Group 1

**Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Rumania.**

19.10.88:	Greece 1 (Mitropoulos 41')					
	Denmark 1 (Povlsen 56').					
19.10.88:	Bulgaria 1 (Kolev 31')					
	Rumania 3 (Mateu 25',					
	Camataru 79' 89').					
2.11.88:	Rumania 3 (Mateu, Hagi pen, Sabay)					
	Greece 0.					
2.11.88:	Denmark 1 (Elstrup)					
	Bulgaria 1 (Sadkov).					
26.4.89:	Greece	v Rumania.				
26.4.89:	Bulgaria	v Denmark.				
17.5.89:	Denmark	v Greece.				
17.5.89:	Rumania	v Bulgaria.				
11.10.89:	Bulgaria	v Greece.				
11.10.89:	Denmark	v Rumania.				
15.11.89:	Greece	v Bulgaria.				
15.11.89:	Rumania	v Denmark.				
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Rumania	2	2	0	0	6-1	4
Denmark	2	0	2	0	2-2	2
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	2-4	1
Greece	2	0	1	1	1-4	1

#### Group 2

**Albania, England, Poland, Sweden.**

19.10.88:	England 0	Sweden 0.				
19.10.88:	Poland 1 (K.Warzycha 78')	Albania 0.				
5.11.88:	Albania 1 (Shehu 33')	Sweden 2 (Holmqvist 68' Ekstrom 71').				
8.3.89:	Albania 0	England 2 (Barnes 16' Robson 63').				
26.4.89:	England	v Albania.				
7.5.89:	Sweden	v Poland.				
3.6.89:	England	v Poland.				
6.9.89:	Sweden	v England.				
8.10.89:	Sweden	v Albania.				
11.10.89:	Poland	v England.				
25.10.89:	Poland	v Sweden.				
15.11.89:	Albania	v Poland.				
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	2-0	3
Sweden	2	1	1	0	2-1	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	1-0	2
Albania	3	0	0	3	1-5	0

#### Group 3

**Austria, East Germany, Iceland, USSR.**

31.8.88:	Iceland 1 (S.Gretarson 11')	USSR 1 (Litovchenko 75').
12.10.88:	Turkey 1 (Unal 73')	Iceland 1 (O.Torfasson 62').
19.10.88:	USSR 2 (Mikhailichenko 47', Zavarov 69')	Austria 0.
19.10.88:	East Germany 2 (Thom 34' 88')	Iceland 0.
2.11.88:	Austria 3 (Polster, Herzog 2)	Turkey 2 (Feyyaz, Colak).
30.11.88:	Turkey 3 (Tanju Colak 23' 63', Oguz 69')	East Germany 1 (Thom 75').
12.4.89:	East Germany 0	Turkey 2 (Colak 21' Dilmel 88').
26.4.89:	USSR v East Germany.	

1.5.89:	Turkey v USSR.	
7.5.89:	East Germany v Austria.	
31.5.89:	USSR v Iceland.	
14.6.89:	Iceland v Austria.	
23.8.89:	Austria v Iceland.	
6.9.89:	Austria v USSR.	
6.9.89:	Iceland v East Germany.	
20.9.89:	Iceland v Turkey.	
25.10.89:	East Germany v USSR.	
25.10.89:	Turkey v Austria.	
8.11.89:	USSR v Turkey.	
15.11.89:	Austria v East Germany.	

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Turkey	4	2	1	1	8-5	5
USSR	2	1	1	0	3-1	3
E Germany	3	1	0	2	3-5	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3-4	2
Iceland	3	0	2	1	2-4	2

#### Group 4

**Finland, Holland, Wales, West Germany.**

31.8.88:	Finland 0	West Germany 4 (Voeller 6' 15' Matthaeus 52' Riedle 86').				
14.9.88:	Holland 1 (Gullit 83')	Wales 0.				
19.10.88:	West Germany 0	Holland 0.				
19.10.88:	Wales 2 (Saunders pen 24' Lahtinen og 40')	Finland 2 (Ukkonen 8' Paatelainen 45').				
26.4.89:	Holland	v West Germany.				
31.5.89:	Wales	v West Germany.				
31.5.89:	Finland	v Holland.				
6.9.89:	Finland	v Wales.				
4.10.89:	West Germany	v Finland.				
11.10.89:	Wales	v Holland.				
15.11.89:	West Germany	v Wales.				
15.11.89:	Holland	v Finland.				
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
W Germany	2	1	1	0	4-0	3
Holland	2	1	1	0	1-0	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	2-3	1
Finland	2	0	1	1	2-6	1

#### Group 5

**Cyprus, France, Norway, Scotland, Yugoslavia.**

14.9.88:	Norway 1 (Fjoertoft 43')	Scotland 2 (McStay 15' Johnston 63').
28.9.88:	France 1 (Papin pen 84')	Norway 0.
19.10.88:	Scotland 1 (Johnston 17')	Yugoslavia 1 (Katanec 36').
22.10.88:	Cyprus 1 (Pittas pen 78')	France 1 (Xuereb 44').
2.11.88:	Cyprus 0	Norway 3 (Sorloth 2, Osvald).
19.11.88:	Yugoslavia 3 (Spasic, Susic, Stojkovic)	France 2 (Perez, Sauzee).
11.12.88:	Yugoslavia 4 (Savicevic 13' 33' 82', Hadzibegic pen 44')	Cyprus 0.
8.2.89:	Cyprus 2 (Koliandris 14' Iannou 47')	Scotland 3 (Johnston 9' Gough 54' 90').
8.3.89:	Scotland 2 (Johnston 28' 53')	France 0.
25.4.89:	Scotland v Cyprus.	
29.4.89:	France v Yugoslavia.	
21.5.89:	Norway v Cyprus.	
14.6.89:	Norway v Yugoslavia.	
5.9.89:	Norway v France.	
6.9.89:	Yugoslavia v Scotland.	
11.10.89:	Yugoslavia v Norway.	
11.10.89:	France v Scotland.	
28.10.89:	Cyprus v Yugoslavia.	
15.11.89:	Scotland v Norway.	
18.11.89:	France v Cyprus.	

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Scotland	4	3	1	0	8-4	7
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	8-3	5
France	4	1	1	2	4-6	3
Norway	3	1	0	2	4-3	2
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	3-11	1

#### Group 6. Eire, Hungary, Malta, Northern Ireland, Spain.

Northern Ireland.		Spain.	
21.5.88:	Nth Ireland 3 (Quinn 14' Penney 23' Clarke 25') Malta 0.		
14.9.88:	Nth Ireland 0 Eire 0.		
19.10.88:	Hungary 1 (Vincze 84') Nth Ireland 0.		
16.11.88:	Spain 2 (Manolo, Butragueno) Eire 0.		
11.12.88:	Malta 2 (Busuttill 46' 90') Hungary 2 (Vincze 5' Kiprisch 56').		
21.12.88:	Spain 4 (Rogan og 30' Butragueno 55' Michel pen 62' Roberto 64') Nth Ireland 0.		
22.1.89:	Malta 0 Spain 2 (Sanchiz pen, Beguiristain).		
8.2.89:	Nth Ireland 0 Spain 2 (Andrinua 3' Sanchez 84').		
8.3.89:	Hungary 0 Eire 0.		
22.3.89:	Spain 4 (Michel Gonzalez 38' 68' pen, Manolo Sanchez 71' 80') Malta 0.		
12.4.89:	Hungary 1 (Boda 49' pen) Malta 1 (Busuttill 7')		
26.4.89:	Malta v Nth Ireland.		
26.4.89:	Eire v Spain.		
28.5.89:	Eire v Malta.		
4.6.89:	Eire v Hungary.		
6.9.89:	Nth Ireland v Hungary.		
11.10.89:	Hungary v Spain.		
11.10.89:	Eire v Nth Ireland.		
15.11.89:	Spain v Hungary.		
15.11.89:	Malta v Nth Ireland.		
	P W D L F-A Pts		
Spain	5 5 0 0 14-0		10
Hungary	4 1 3 0 4-3		5
N Ireland	5 1 1 3 3-7		3
Eire	3 0 2 1 0-2		2
Malta	5 0 2 3 3-12		2

#### Group 7. Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Switzerland.

Luxembourg. Portugal, Switzerland.	
21.9.88:	Luxembourg 1 (Langers 80') Switzerland 4 (A.Sutter 1' Turkylmaz pen 21' 53' B.Sutter 28').
19.10.88:	Belgium 1 (Vervoort 30') Switzerland 0.
18.10.88:	Luxembourg 0 Czechoslovakia 2 (Hasek 25' Chovanec 35').
16.11.88:	Czechoslovakia 0 Belgium 0.
16.11.88:	Portugal 1 (Gomes) Luxembourg 0.
15.2.89:	Portugal 1 (Paneira 53') Belgium 1 (Van der Linden 83').
26.4.89:	Portugal v Switzerland.
29.4.89:	Belgium v Czechoslovakia.
15.5.89:	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg.
7.6.89:	Luxembourg v Belgium.
7.6.89:	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia.
6.9.89:	Belgium v Portugal.
20.9.89:	Switzerland v Portugal.
6.10.89:	Czechoslovakia v Portugal.
11.10.89:	Switzerland v Belgium.
11.10.89:	Luxembourg v Portugal.
25.10.89:	Belgium v Luxembourg.
25.10.89:	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland.
15.11.89:	Switzerland v Luxembourg.
16.11.89:	Portugal v Czechoslovakia.
	P W D L F-A Pts
Belgium	3 1 2 0 2-1 4
Czechoslovakia	2 1 1 0 2-0 3
Portugal	2 1 1 0 2-1 3
Switzerland	2 1 0 1 4-2 2
Luxembourg	3 0 0 3 1-7 0



## ASIA

Round 1: Winners of each of the six groups advance to the second round. Round 2: playing on a round robin basis Oct, Nov 89. Top two place getters qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals.

### Group 1. Iraq. Jordan. Oman. Qatar.

6.1.89:	Qatar 1 (Sofi 20')					
	Jordan 0.					
6.1.89:	Oman 1 (Khamis 37')					
	Iraq 1 (Mohammed 17').					
13.1.89:	Oman 0					
	Qatar 0.					
13.1.89:	Jordan 0					
	Iraq 1 (Ghanem Oreibi 60')					
20.1.89:	Jordan 2					
	Oman 0.					
20.1.89:	Qatar 1 (Mahmoud Al-Soufi 82')					
	Iraq 0.					
27.1.89:	Jordan 1 (Khaled Awad 90')					
	Qatar 1 (Mahmoud Al-Soufi 90').					
27.1.89:	Iraq 3					
	Oman 0.					
3.2.89:	Qatar 3 (Hassan Gawhar 32'					
	Mahmoud Soufi 67' 81')					
	Oman 0.					
3.2.89:	Iraq 4 (Ahmed Radhi 26' 42' 66' 70')					
	Jordan 0.					
10.2.89:	Oman 0					
	Jordan 2.					
10.2.89:	Iraq 2					
	Qatar 2.					
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Qatar	6	3	3	0	8-3	9
Iraq	6	3	2	2	11-4	8
Jordan	6	2	1	3	5-7	5
Oman	6	0	2	4	1-12	2

### Group 2. Saudi Arabia Syria. Yemen AR (Bahrain withdrew).

10.3.89:	Nth Yemen 0 Syria 1.					
15.3.89:	Saudi Arabia 5 Syria 4.					
20.3.89:	Nth Yemen 0 Saudi Arabia 1.					
25.3.89:	Syria 2 Nth Yemen 0.					
30.3.89:	Syria 0 Saudi Arabia 0.					
5.4.89:	Saudi Arabia 1 (Majed Abdullah 44')					
	Nth Yemen 0.					
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	4	3	1	0	7-4	7
Syria	4	2	1	1	7-5	5
Nth Yemen	4	0	0	4	0-5	0

### Group 3. Kuwait. United Arab Emirates. Pakistan. (Yemen PDR withdrew 23.8.88).

6.1.89:	Pakistan 0					
	Kuwait 1 (Walid 5').					
13.1.89:	Kuwait 3 (Fahd Al-Sayed 28'					
	Salah Hasawi 69' 83')					
	U.A.E. 2 (Zuhair Bakheet 51' 74').					
20.1.89:	U.A.E. 5 (Ibrahim 11' 23' Ismail 62'					
	A.R.Mohammed 78' A.A.Mohammed 84')					
	Pakistan 0.					
27.1.89:	Kuwait 2					
	Pakistan 0.					
3.2.89:	U.A.E. 1 (Adnane Taliani 62')					
	Kuwait 0.					
10.2.89:	Pakistan 1					
	U.A.E. 4.					
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
U.A.E.	4	3	0	1	12-4	6
Kuwait	4	3	0	1	6-3	6
Pakistan	4	0	0	4	1-12	0

### Group 4. Malaysia. Nepal. Singapore. South Korea. (India withdrew).

23.5.89:	Malaysia	v	Nepal.
23.5.89:	Singapore	v	South Korea.
25.5.89:	Malaysia	v	Singapore.
25.5.89:	Nepal	v	South Korea.
27.5.89:	Singapore	v	Nepal.
27.5.89:	South Korea	v	Malaysia.
3.6.89:	Singapore	v	Malaysia.
3.6.89:	South Korea	v	Nepal.
5.6.89:	Malaysia	v	South Korea.
5.6.89:	Nepal	v	Singapore.
7.6.89:	Singapore	v	South Korea.
7.6.89:	Malaysia	v	Nepal.

### Group 5. Bangladesh. China. Iran. Thailand.

19.2.89:	Thailand 1 (Piyaong Pew-On)					
	Bangladesh 0.					
23.2.89:	China 2					
	Bangladesh 0.					
23.2.89:	Thailand 0					
	Iran 3.					
27.2.89:	Bangladesh 1					
	Iran 2.					
28.2.89:	Thailand 0					
	China 3.					
4.3.89:	Bangladesh 0					
	China 2.					
5.3.89:	Iran v Thailand not played.					
8.3.89:	Bangladesh 3					
	(Wasim 10' Shabbir 28' Rupu 75')					
	Thailand 1 (Chiangmulle 82').					
17.3.89:	Iran	v	Bangladesh.			
11.6.89:	China	v	Iran.			
21.6.89:	Iran	v	China.			
28.6.89:	China	v	Thailand.			
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
China	3	3	0	0	7-0	6
Iran	2	2	0	0	5-1	4
Thailand	4	1	0	3	2-9	2
Bangladesh	5	1	0	4	4-8	2

### Group 6.

#### Hong Kong. Indonesia. Japan. North Korea.

1.5.89:	Indonesia	v	Nth Korea.
21.5.89:	Hong Kong	v	Japan.
27.5.89:	Hong Kong	v	Nth Korea.
28.5.89:	Indonesia	v	Japan.
4.6.89:	Hong Kong	v	Indonesia.
4.6.89:	Japan	v	Nth Korea.
11.6.89:	Nth Korea	v	Hong Kong.
11.6.89:	Japan	v	Indonesia.
18.6.89:	Nth Korea	v	Indonesia.
18.6.89:	Japan	v	Hong Kong.
25.6.89:	Indonesia	v	Hong Kong.
25.6.89:	Nth Korea	v	Japan.

## CONCACAF

### (North & Central America)

#### Round 1.

(A) 17.7.88:	Antigua 0
	Netherland Antilles 1.
29.7.88:	Netherland Antilles 3
	Antigua 1 aet.
<b><i>Netherland Antilles advances to Rd 2.</i></b>	
(B) 12.5.88:	Jamaica 1
	Puerto Rico 0.
29.5.88:	Puerto Rico 1
	Jamaica 2.

### Jamaica advances to Rd 2.

(C) 17.4.88:	Guyana 0
	Trinidad Tobago 4.
8.5.88:	Trinidad Tobago 1
	Guyana 0.
<b><i>Trinidad &amp; Tobago advances to Rd 2.</i></b>	
(D) 17.7.88:	Costa Rica 1
	Panama 1.
31.7.88:	Panama 0
	Costa Rica 2 (Cayasso, Medford).

### Costa Rica advances to Rd 2.

(E) 30.4.88:	Cuba 0					
	Guatemala 1.					
15.5.88:	Guatemala 1					
	Cuba 1.					

### Guatemala advances to Rd 2.

#### Round 2.

(A) 1.10.88:	Netherlands Antilles 0					
	El Salvador 1.					
16.10.88:	El Salvador 5					
	Netherlands Antilles 0.					

### El Salvador advances to Rd 3.

(B) 24.7.88:	Jamaica 0					
	USA 0.					
31.7.88:	USA 5					
	Jamaica 1.					

### USA advances to Rd 3.

(C) 30.10.88:	Trinidad Tobago 0					
	Honduras 0.					
13.11.88:	Honduras 1					
	Trinidad Tobago 1.					

### Trinidad Tobago advances to Rd 3.

(D) Costa Rica v Mexico. (Mexico disqualified).

### Costa Rica advances to Rd 3.

(E) 9.10.88:	Guatemala 1 (Perez pen 21')					
	Canada 0.					
15.10.88:	Canada 3					
	(Mitchell 62' 70' pen, Bridge 88')					
	Guatemala 2					
	(Paniagua 7' Castaneda 37').					

### Guatemala advances to Rd 3.

#### Round 3.

#### Top two placegetters qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals.

19.3.89:	Guatemala 1 (Raul Chacon 39' pen)				
	Costa Rica 0.				
2.4.89:	Costa Rica 2 (Flores 42' Corondo 78')				
	Guatemala 1 (Rodas 51').				
18.4.89:	Costa Rica 1				
	USA 0				
30.4.89:	USA	v	Costa Rica		
13.5.89:	USA	v	Trinidad Tobago		
28.5.89:	Trinidad Tobago	v	Costa Rica		
10.6.89:	USA	v	Guatemala		
11.6.89:	Costa Rica	v	Trinidad Tobago		
26.6.89:	El Salvador	v	Costa Rica		
9.7.89:	El Salvador	v	USA		
16.7.89:	Costa Rica	v	El Salvador		
30.7.89:	Trinidad Tobago	v	El Salvador		
13.8.89:	El Salvador	v	Trinidad Tobago		
30.8.89:	Guatemala	v	Trinidad Tobago		
3.9.89:	Trinidad Tobago	v	Guatemala		
8.10.89:	Guatemala	v	USA		
5.11.89:	USA	v	El Salvador		
19.11.89:	Trinidad Tobago	v	USA		
19.11.89:	Guatemala	v	El Salvador		
26.11.89:	El Salvador	v	Guatemala		



## CONMEBOL

### (South America)

Argentina qualifies as defending champion. Winners of groups 1 and 3 qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals. Winner of group 2 plays-off vs Oceania group winner for a place in the World Cup finals.

<b>Group 1.</b>	<b>Bolivia.</b>	<b>Peru.</b>	<b>Uruguay.</b>
20.8.89.	Bolivia	v	Peru.
27.8.89.	Peru	v	Uruguay.
3.9.89.	Bolivia	v	Uruguay.
10.9.89.	Peru	v	Bolivia.
17.9.89.	Uruguay	v	Bolivia.
24.9.89.	Uruguay	v	Peru.

<b>Group 2.</b>	<b>Colombia.</b>	<b>Ecuador.</b>	<b>Paraguay.</b>
20.8.89.	Colombia	v	Ecuador.
27.8.89.	Paraguay	v	Colombia.
3.9.89.	Ecuador	v	Colombia.
10.9.89.	Paraguay	v	Ecuador.
24.9.89.	Colombia	v	Paraguay.
1.10.89.	Ecuador	v	Paraguay.

<b>Group 3.</b>	<b>Brazil.</b>	<b>Chile.</b>	<b>Venezuela.</b>
30.7.89.	Venezuela	v	Brazil.
6.8.89.	Venezuela	v	Chile.
13.8.89.	Chile	v	Brazil.
20.8.89.	Brazil	v	Venezuela.
27.8.89.	Chile	v	Venezuela.
3.9.89.	Brazil	v	Chile.

## AFRICA

Two teams to qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals from the four countries which make it to Round 3 of African Confederation.

### Round 1.

- (1) 7.8.88: Angola 0  
Sudan 0.  
11.11.88: Sudan 1  
Angola 2

**Angola advances to Rd 2, grp C.**

- (2) Zimbabwe v Lesotho. Lesotho withdrew.  
**Zimbabwe advances to Rd 2, grp A.**

- (3) Zambia v Rwanda. Rwanda withdrew.  
**Zambia advances to Rd 2, grp D.**

- (4) 16.7.88: Uganda 1  
Malawi 0.  
30.7.88: Malawi 3  
Uganda 1.

**Malawi advances to Rd 2, grp B.**

- (5) 3.6.88: Libya 3  
Burkina Faso 0.  
3.7.88: Burkina Faso 2  
Libya 0.

**Libya advances to Rd 2, grp A.**

- (6) 7.8.88: Ghana 0  
Liberia 0.  
21.8.88: Liberia 2  
Ghana 0.

**Liberia advances to Rd 2, grp B.**

- (7) 5.8.88: Tunisia 5  
Guinea 0.  
21.8.88: Guinea 3  
Tunisia 0.

**Tunisia advances to Rd 2, grp D.**

- (8) Gabon v Togo. Togo withdrew.  
**Gabon advances to Rd 2, grp C.**

### Round 2.

Winners of each group advance to Rd 3.

**Grp A. Algeria. Ivory Coast. Zimbabwe. Libya.**

6.1.89:	Algeria 3 (Menad 11' 27' Madjer 68')	Zimbabwe 0.
8.1.89:	Ivory Coast 1 (Sekou Bamba 79')	Libya 0.
20.1.89:	Libya 0	Algeria 2. (Libya forfeit).
22.1.89:	Zimbabwe 0	Ivory Coast 0.
11.6.89.	Ivory Coast	v Algeria.
11.6.89:	Zimbabwe	v Libya.
23.6.89:	Libya	v Ivory Coast.

25.6.89:	Zimbabwe	v	Algeria.
11.8.89:	Algeria	v	Libya.
13.8.89:	Ivory Coast	v	Zimbabwe.
25.8.89:	Algeria	v	Ivory Coast.
25.8.89:	Libya	v	Zimbabwe.

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Algeria	2	2	0	0	5-0	4
Ivory Cst	2	1	1	0	1-0	3
Zimbabwe	2	0	1	1	0-3	1
Libya	2	0	0	2	0-3	0

**Grp B. Egypt. Kenya. Malawi. Liberia.**

6.1.89:	Egypt 2 (Mayhoub 25' Ramadan 44')	Liberia 0.
7.1.89:	Kenya 1 (Dawo 47')	Malawi 1 (Chirwa 2').
21.1.89:	Malawi 1 (Kayira 89')	Egypt 1 (El-Rassouh 72').
22.1.89:	Liberia 0	Kenya 0.
10.6.89:	Kenya	v Egypt.
11.6.89:	Liberia	v Malawi.
24.6.89:	Malawi	v Kenya.
25.6.89:	Liberia	v Egypt.
11.8.89:	Egypt	v Malawi.
12.8.89:	Kenya	v Liberia.
25.8.89:	Egypt	v Kenya.
26.8.89:	Malawi	v Liberia.

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Egypt	2	1	1	0	3-1	3
Malawi	2	0	2	0	2-2	2
Kenya	2	0	2	0	1-1	2
Liberia	2	0	1	1	0-2	1

**Grp C. Angola. Cameroon. Gabon. Nigeria.**

7.1.89:	Nigeria 1	Gabon 0.
8.1.89:	Cameroon 1 (Ngonke 71')	Angola 1 (Manuel 11').
22.1.89:	Gabon 1	Cameroon 3.
22.1.89:	Angola 2	Nigeria 2.
10.6.89:	Nigeria	v Cameroon.
10.6.89:	Angola	v Gabon.
25.6.89:	Gabon	v Nigeria.
12.8.89:	Nigeria	v Angola.
13.8.89:	Cameroon	v Gabon.
27.8.89:	Cameroon	v Nigeria.
27.8.89:	Gabon	v Angola.

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Cameroon	2	1	1	0	4-2	3
Nigeria	2	1	1	0	3-2	3
Angola	2	0	2	0	3-3	2
Gabon	2	0	0	2	1-4	0

**Grp D. Morocco. Tunisia. Zaire. Zambia.**

8.1.89:	Morocco 1 (Fettah 39')	Zambia 0.
8.1.89:	Zaire 3	Tunisia 1.
22.1.89:	Tunisia 2	Morocco 1.
22.1.89:	Zambia 4	Zaire 2.
11.6.89:	Zaire	v Morocco.
11.6.89:	Zambia	v Tunisia.
25.6.89:	Zambia	v Morocco.
25.6.89:	Tunisia	v Zaire.
13.8.89:	Morocco	v Tunisia.
13.8.89:	Zaire	v Zambia.
25.8.89:	Tunisia	v Zambia.
27.8.89:	Morocco	v Zaire.

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
Zambia	2	1	0	1	4-3	2
Zaire	2	1	0	1	5-5	2
Morocco	2	1	0	1	2-2	2
Tunisia	2	1	0	1	3-4	2

### Round 3.

Winners of round 3 qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals.

**Grp 1.**

winner grp A v winner grp B (8.10.89 & 19.11.89).

**Grp 2.**

winner grp C v winner grp D (8.10.89 & 19.11.89).

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### Round 1.

**Group A. Rome, Florence.**

9/6.	Rome	9pm.	Italy (Team 1)	v	Team 2.
10/6.	Florence	5pm.	Team 3	v	Team 4.
14/6.	Rome	9pm.	Italy	v	Team 3.
15/6.	Florence	5pm.	Team 2	v	Team 4.
19/6.	Rome	9pm.	Italy	v	Team 4.
19/6.	Florence	9pm.	Team 2	v	Team 3.

**Group B. Naples, Bari.**

8/6.	Milan.	6pm.	Inauguration ceremony.		
			Argentina (Team 5)	v	Team 6
9/6.	Bari	5pm.	Team 7	v	Team 8.
13/6.	Naples	9pm.	Argentina	v	Team 7.
14/6.	Bari	9pm.	Team 6	v	Team 8.
18/6.	Naples	9pm.	Argentina	v	Team 8.
18/6.	Bari	9pm.	Team 6	v	Team 7.

**Group C. Turin, Genoa.**

10/6.	Turin	9pm.	Team 9	v	Team 10.
11/6.	Genoa	5pm.	Team 11	v	Team 12.
16/6.	Turin	5pm.	Team 9	v	Team 11.
16/6.	Genoa	9pm.	Team 10	v	Team 12.
20/6.	Turin	9pm.	Team 9	v	Team 12.
20/6.	Genoa	9pm.	Team 10	v	Team 11.

**Group D. Milan, Bologna.**

9/6.	Bologna	9pm.	Team 15	v	Team 16.
10/6.	Milan	9pm.	Team 13	v	Team 14.
14/6.	Bologna	5pm.	Team 14	v	Team 16.
15/6.	Milan	9pm.	Team 13	v	Team 15.
19/6.	Milan	5pm.	Team 13	v	Team 16.
19/6.	Bologna	5pm.	Team 14	v	Team 15.

**Group E. Verona, Udine.**

12/6.	Verona	5pm.	Team 17	v	Team 18.
13/6.	Udine	5pm.	Team 19	v	Team 20.
17/6.	Verona	9pm.	Team 17	v	Team 19.
17/6.	Udine	9pm.	Team 18	v	Team 20.
21/6.	Verona	5pm.	Team 17	v	Team 20.
21/6.	Udine	5pm.	Team 18	v	Team 19.

**Group F. Cagliari, Palermo.**

11/6.	Cagliari	9pm.	Team 21	v	Team 22.
12/6.	Palermo	9pm.	Team 23	v	Team 24.
16/6.	Cagliari	9pm.	Team 21	v	Team 23.
17/6.	Palermo	5pm.	Team 22	v	Team 24.
21/6.	Cagliari	9pm.	Team 21	v	Team 24.
21/6.	Palermo	9pm.	Team 22	v	Team 23.

### Round 2.

23 June.	Naples	5pm.
23 June.	Bari	9pm.
24 June.	Torino	5pm.
24 June.	Milan	9pm.
25 June.	Genoa	5pm.
25 June.	Rome	9pm.
26 June.	Verona	5pm.
26 June.	Bologna	9pm.

### Quarter Finals.

30 June.	Florence	5pm
30 June.	Rome	9pm.
1 July.	Milan	5pm.
1 July.	Naples	9pm.

### Semi Finals

3 July.	Naples	8pm.
4 July.	Turin	8pm.

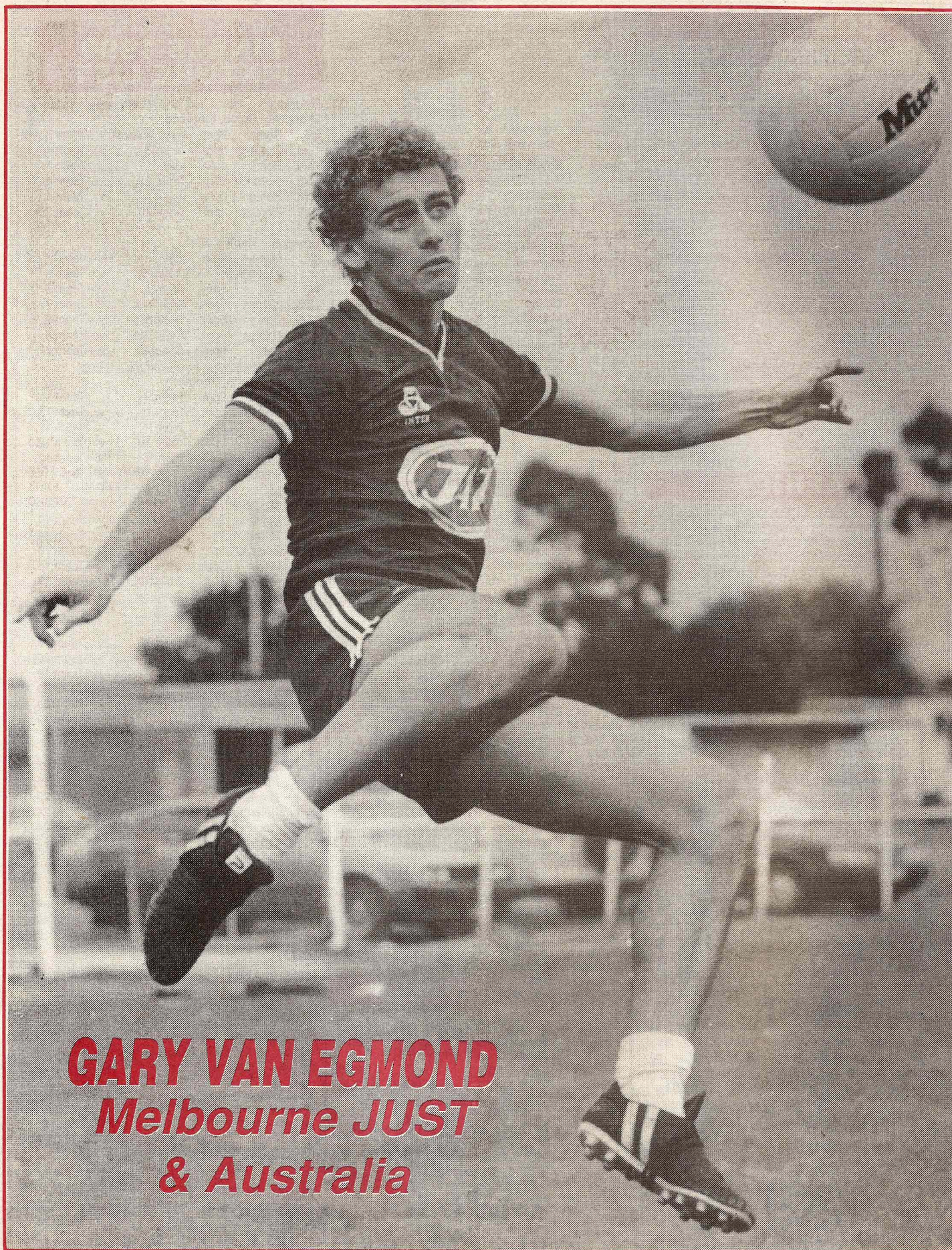
### Play-off for 3rd place.

7 July.	Bari	8pm.
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### Final

8 July.	Rome	8pm.
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**GARY VAN EGMOND**  
*Melbourne JUST  
& Australia*



# GARY VAN EGMOND

## MELBOURNE JUST & AUSTRALIA

**Born:** June 29, 1965 in Sydney.  
**Height:** 181 cm (5ft 11.5ins)  
**Weight:** 76 kgs (12 st).  
**Status:** Single. My girlfriend Annette is still based in Sydney.  
**Car:** A Ford Laser bought when I moved to Melbourne in 87.

**Occupation:** I've been unable to hold down a steady job with the training and playing commitments with the Socceroos. I do some parttime work for my uncle's business. I used to work as sales rep.

**Nickname:** My curly hair has earned me "Harpo" from the Socceroos. At JUST I'm "Dutchy".

**Club career:** I played at Manly Warringah as a junior then moved to Apia at 14. I played 6 NSL games for Apia in 83-84 then went to Holland with Mike Petersen and stayed for a year. I spent a short period with Blacktown then played a season with Manly in the State League before joining JUST in 1987.

**Favorite players:** Ian Gray is the complete player. He is quick, good with both feet, a good header of the ball and can fill any job on the park. Overseas I admire Frank Rijkaard of Milan & Holland. He is especially devastating going forward and is one player I try to emulate.

**Favorite teams:** I followed Apia as a kid. Now I like Melbourne JUST, because of the way we play. Overseas, I'm a fan of Liverpool.

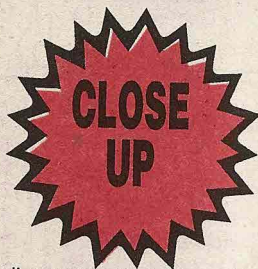
**Favorite away ground in Australia:** I always like playing at South Melbourne's Middle Park because of its surface. I believe the good park played a part in their success last year.

**Favorite ground at which you have played:** The (Dongdaemon) Stadium in Seoul because I made my Socceroo debut there.

**Best Goal scored:** I haven't scored in the NSL yet so I have to go back a few years. Playing for Manly against Polonia I picked the ball near the halfway line, evaded four opponents and hit a shot from 25 yards.

**Best goal seen scored:** One Liverpool scored a few years back in a big win over Tottenham. The ball moved the whole length of the field in about four passes and Steve Heighway crossed first time from the left for Terry McDermott to volley in at the far post.

**Most difficult opponent:** Paul Trimboli is one player who is hard to keep tabs on. He is



small yet uses his body well and can hold a ball. He has got the natural knack to score a goal out of nothing. I found (Brazil's) Romario a handful when I came on as sub in my debut for Australia. **Most memorable match:** Australia's 1-0 win over Nigeria because it got us through to the quarter finals of the Olympic Games.

**Own magic moment in soccer:** Within 2 minutes of coming on as sub for Australia against Brazil, I saw Romario jumping in the air, bringing the ball down with his hand undetected and run on into the penalty area only to be brought down by Jeff Olver to earn a penalty. It wasn't my own magic moment but it was a bit special to see a crafty player at work.

**Biggest influence on career:** John Green (coach of Apia youths) who helped me make the transition from junior soccer. And Seki (Drago Sekularac). He had done everything in the game at playing level and knew exactly what he wanted from us. Vlado Bozinovski interpreted everything for me so although Seki didn't speak english, he left a big mark on my career.

**Most embarrassing moment:** Being nutmegged by goalkeeper Bob Catlin at training in my days at Leichhardt.

**Miscellaneous dislikes:** Melbourne trams. They take a lot of getting used to while you're driving.

**Favorite other sports:** I was an apprentice golfer but I don't get much chance to play it anymore. And I like a social game of tennis.

**Favorite TV:** I enjoy comedies especially Ronnie Barker and the Cosby Show.

**TV shows you always switch off:** Definitely "Neighbours". It's just so boring.

**Favorite reading:** I don't read as much as I'd like to. I like science fiction books. Newspaper wise, The Sun is a good paper. Oh and I regularly buy Best Bets.

**Showbusiness favorites:** Musically, I like INXS. My favorite actors are Eddie Murphy and Natalie Wood.

**Best film seen recently:** Beverly Hills Cop II. I only saw it on video recently and found it entertaining.

**Best Friend:** Andrew Becker. We lived close to each other as kids. I played junior soccer with him and we grew up together. He also has made the move from Sydney to Melbourne so we have stayed close friends.

**What don't you like about soccer:** The game not being fulltime in Australia. And lack of professionalism at club level.

**Pre-match meal:** I don't eat much on match day. I have a big meal the night before, then a bowl of cereal in the morning. Leading up to the game I have about four or five glasses of water.

**Career after playing:** I would like to coach but not at the highest level. The juniors are neglected and it is one area I would like to make an impact on.



Gary Van Egmond

at a personal level, I would like to start my own business.

**Player to watch out for this season:** Paul Trimboli. I think we've only seen the tip of the iceberg of his potential.

**Advice to youngsters:** Simply to be prepared to listen. And always to enjoy the game.

*Gary V. Egmond*



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<b>1977</b> Halfway End				<b>1980</b> Halfway End				<b>1983</b> Halfway End			
Top Five	Pts		Pts	Top Five	Pts		Pts	Top Five	Pts		Pts
1. Marconi.....20*		East Subs.....36		1. Heidelberg.....19*		Sydney City.....37		1. Preston Mak.....32*		St George.....55	
2. East Subs.....18*		Marconi.....35		2. Sydney City.....17*		Heidelberg.....36		2. Newcastle.....27*		Sydney City.....54	
3. Adelaide C.....18*		Fitzroy.....32		3. South Melb.....17*		South Melb.....35		3. St George.....26*		Preston.....52	
4. West Subs.....16*		Adelaide C.....31		4. Marconi.....16*		Marconi.....34		4. Sydney City.....25*		South Melb.....52	
5. W.Adelaide.....14		West Subs.....27		5. Brisb Lions.....14		Adelaide C.....30		5. Syd Olympic.....24		Newcastle.....49	
Bottom Two				Bottom Two				Bottom Two			
11 Mooroolbark...6*		Canberra.....17		11 Brisb City.....7		W.Adelaide.....17		11 Footscray.....13		Wollongong.....27	
12 Brisb Lions.....5		Mooroolbark.....13		12 St George.....5*		St George.....14		12 Wollongong.....12*		Brisb Lions.....26	

<b>1978</b> Halfway End				<b>1981</b> Halfway End				<b>1984</b> Halfway End			
Top Five	Pts		Pts	Top Five	Pts		Pts	Top Five	Pts		Pts
1. Marconi.....22*		W.Adelaide.....36		1. South Melb.....20*		Sydney City.....43		1. Sydney City.....23*		Sydney City.....42	
2. W.Adelaide.....16*		East Subs.....35		2. Sydney City.....19*		South Melb.....39		2. Syd Olympic.....18*		Syd Olympic.....40	
3. East Subs.....15*		South Melb.....32		3. Canberra.....19*		Brisb City.....35		3. Apia Lchrtd.....18*		Marconi.....32	
4. South Melb.....14*		Marconi.....30		4. Brisb City.....18*		Apia Lchrtd.....35		4. Melita.....17		Apia Lchrtd.....32	
5. Brisb Lions.....14		Fitzroy.....26		5. Adelaide C.....17		Canberra.....33		5. Marconi.....16*		Blacktown.....30	
Bottom Two				Bottom Two				Bottom Two			
11 Syd Olympic...10		Canberra.....20		11 Blacktown.....9*		Blacktown.....21		11 NewcRosebud 11		Melita.....24	
12 St George.....9		Brisb City.....17		12 W.Adelaide.....8*		W.Adelaide.....14		12 Wollongong.....7*		Wollongong.....15	

<b>1978</b> Halfway End				<b>1982</b> Halfway End				<b>1984</b> Halfway End			
Top Five	Pts		Pts	Top Five	Pts		Pts	Top Five	Pts		Pts
1. Marconi.....22*		W.Adelaide.....36		1. Sydney City.....20*		Sydney City.....45		1. Heidelberg.....17*		South Melb.....40	
2. W.Adelaide.....16*		East Subs.....35		2. Apia Lchrtd.....20		St George.....36		2. South Melb.....16*		Heidelberg.....35	
3. East Subs.....15*		South Melb.....32		3. Syd Olympic.....19		Wollongong.....35		3. Mel Croatia.....16*		Melb Croatia.....33	
4. South Melb.....14*		Marconi.....30		4. St George.....19*		Heidelberg.....34		4. Bwck Juve.....15*		Brisb Lions.....30	
5. Brisb Lions.....14		Fitzroy.....26		5. W.Adelaide.....18		Preston Mak.....34		5. Preston Mak.....14		Bwck Juve.....30	
Bottom Two				Bottom Two				Bottom Two			
11 Syd Olympic...10		Canberra.....20		11 Brisb City.....9*		Canberra.....24		11 Green Gully.....10		W.Adelaide.....21	
12 St George.....9		Brisb City.....17		12 Newcastle.....8		Brisb City.....21		12 George Cross..8*		George Cross..16	

# HALF-TIME

If National Soccer League history is any guideline, Marconi will not finish in the top spot at the end of the 1989 season.

But it is a safe bet that it and the three other teams just behind it, will stay in the top five by the end of the season to battle it out in the championship play-offs.

It seems equally certain that one of the bottom two clubs will be unable to fight its way clear in the remainder of the season and will end up getting relegated.

The predictions may not be the best news for Marconi, Blacktown and Heidelberg but they are the conclusions which can be drawn from an exclusive survey conducted by "Aussie Soccer".

Our survey compared the top five standings at the half way mark of the 12 seasons of the NSL with the final placings at the end of each season.

And we extended it further by comparing the bottom two clubs at the halfway mark with the two which ended up anchoring the NSL at the end of each season.

The results show that in 10 out of the 12 seasons, four of the five clubs which held a top five spot in the halfway mark ended up hanging on to the position to finish among the top five at the end of the season.

But remarkably only four out of the 15 halfway leaders (between 1984 and 86 the NSL had two divisions) ended up holding top spot till the end of the campaign.

If it's any consolation for Marconi, the Fairfield club is one of the three which hold that distinction. It managed that in 1979 when it led with 20 points at the halfway stage and finished the season on top with 40 points.

Sydney City managed that by

consolidating its lead at the mid-way stage to go on to win the title both in 1982 and 1984.

And Apia Leichhardt went from strength to strength in 1987 hanging on to its halfway-stage lead to go on to finish top at the end of the season with 35 points.

## RELEGATION

In the relegation comparisons, there were only two occasions in 12 seasons when both of the bottom two sides at the halfway mark managed to fight their way clear of those dreaded positions come the end of the season.

In 1978 Sydney Olympic and St George propped up the NSL in round 13 but fought their way above the bottom two spots by the end of the season.

And in 1985, Wollongong and Inter Monaro lifted themselves off the bottom two spots they occupied halfway through the NSL's

Northern Division to get clear of the relegation zone at the end of the season.

In every other year at least one of the bottom two at the halfway mark struggled right through to the end of the season and was either relegated or had to go cap in hand seeking re-election in the NSL.

What's worse, in 1981 and 1986 both clubs at the bottom mid-way through the season ended up holding the can by hanging on to the bottom two places come the end of the campaign.

The clubs with the unwanted distinction were Blacktown and West Adelaide in 81, Canterbury and Inter Monaro in the 1986 Northern Division.

Heidelberg, the bottom placed club at this year's halfway mark, faces a daunting task according to history.

Seven clubs which were bottom



1985	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Syd Croatia.....16*	Sydney City.....35	
2. Sydney City.....15*	Syd Croatia.....33	
3. Marconi.....14*	Marconi.....29	
4. Blacktown.....14	Syd Olympic.....27	
5. Canberra.....12	St George.....22	
Bottom Two		
11 Wollongong.....5	Penrith.....14	
12 Inter Monaro...5	NewcRosebud..12	

1986	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Syd Olympic.....16*	Syd Croatia.....32	
2. Syd Croatia.....16*	Syd Olympic.....27	
3. Wollongong.....14	St George.....27	
4. Marconi.....13*	Marconi.....25	
5. Sydney City.....12*	Sydney City.....24	
Bottom Two		
11 Canterbury.....7*	Canterbury.....11	
12 Inter Monaro...3*	Inter Monaro.....11	

1987	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Apia Lchrtd.....20*	Apia Lchrtd.....35	
2. Syd Croatia.....17*	Preston Mak.....29	
3. South Melb.....15	St George.....29	
4. Adelaide C.....13	Marconi.....27	
5. Syd Olympic.....13	Syd Croatia.....26	
Bottom Two		
11 Footscray.....7	George Cross..15	
12 George Cross.2*	Heidelberg.....13	

1985	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Bwck Juve.....16*	South Melb.....33	
2. Melb Croatia.....15*	Bwck Juve.....29	
3. South Melb.....15*	Heidelberg.....27	
4. Heidelberg.....14*	Melb Croatia.....24	
5. Brisb Lions.....11	Preston Mak.....24	
Bottom Two		
11 Adelaide C.....8	Brisb City.....17	
12 Footscray.....4*	Footscray.....12	

1986	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Footscray.....17*	Bwck Juve.....28	
2. Bwck Juve.....15*	Footscray.....28	
3. Adelaide C.....15*	Adelaide C.....27	
4. South Melb.....13	George Cross..27	
5. Preston Mak.....12	Heidelberg.....26	
Bottom Two		
11 Melb Croatia...7	Brisb City.....13	
12 Green Gully...5*	Green Gully.....10	

1988	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Marconi.....18*	Wollongong.....34	
2. Wollongong.....17*	Syd Croatia.....34	
3. South Melb.....16*	South Melb.....34	
4. Syd Croatia.....16*	Marconi.....32	
5. Adelaide C.....14	Syd Olympic.....27	
Bottom Two		
11 Brisb Lions.....8*	Bwck Juve.....19	
12 Bwck Juve.....6*	Brisb Lions.....12	

1989	Halfway	End
Top Five	Pts	Pts
1. Marconi.....18	?	
2. Preston Mak.....15	?	
3. St George.....15	?	
4. Syd Croatia.....12	?	
5. Apia Lchrtd.....12	?	
Bottom Two		
11 Blacktown.....9	?	
12 Heidelberg.....7	?	



at the halfway stage remained rooted to the spot by the end of the season.

They were St George (1980), West Adelaide (81), Wollongong

and George Cross (84), Footscray (85), Inter Monaro and Green Gully in 86.

#### EXCEPTION

Generally teams which occupy

regardless of the fact that the NSL has gone from 14 teams (1977-80) to 16 (1981-83) to 24 (1984-86) and back to 14 (1987 -).

a top five spot at the middle of the season can be relied to go on challenging for a spot in the championship play-offs.

The only exception to the rule was Melita Eagles which slid from fourth spot at the midway point to finish second last and got relegated at the end of the 1984 season. It collected only seven points in the second half of the season.

The "Aussie Soccer" survey was conducted at the halfway point

\* denotes teams which retained their halfway Top Five spot at the end of the season. In the 'Bottom-Two' section, \* points out the struggling teams at the halfway mark which failed to fight their way clear come the end of the campaign.

In comparisons over 14 team leagues, we found that collecting 28 points will practically guarantee a team a top five spot at the end of the season.

And in most cases, gaining 19 points will virtually assure a club of safety by taking it above the bottom two spots.

On these pages we list a season by season record of the top five and bottom two placings (with points gained) at the halfway mark and then provide the final standings (again with points gained).

Our survey is the starting point of the "Half Time" theme for our first issue in which we take a closer mid-season inspection at each of the 14 clubs which make up the 1989 National Soccer League.

Our close-up delves into the changes which went on pre-season, the performance of the team over the opening 13 rounds, and provides a pictorial coverage of the playing newcomers as well as listing the full squads with dates of birth for every player in the NSL this season.



# AUSSIE SOCCER IS SMOKE FREE

Australian soccer is smoke free and leading the way for all other major sports. The "Australian Socceroos" have broken free of their bond with cigarettes and are now sponsored by QUIT.

At the same time, the National Soccer League has cut its ties with tobacco advertising.

Until now soccer, even Under 9 had to depend on cigarettes and tobacco to survive,

That's finished as a result of an inspiring sponsorship deal recently signed by Australian Soccer.

The financial future of the sport in this nation is now secure following the agreement between the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League with the various State health and anti-smoking bodies.

Spearheaded by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and supported by Foundation South Australia as well as the other anti-smoking groups in each state, soccer has secured a lucrative sponsorship that enables it to turn its back on cigarette sponsorship.

Now its up to soccer players, officials and importantly fans to fully support the sponsorship.

The national alliance of the health campaigns and their sponsorship of soccer has major ramifications.

• The National team has now been renamed the "Australian Socceroos" and can compete in Australia and in-

ternationally, knowing that they are tobacco free.

• This will improve the public image and profile of the Socceroos and at the same time will make them a more attractive proposition to corporate sponsorship.

• At a grass roots level, soccer can recruit players, supporters and sponsors with a clear conscience knowing that they are no longer linked with cigarettes.

Soccer has promised that the game will be tobacco free in 1989 with the only exceptions to this pledge being at games played at venues where the advertising controls is out of the hands of soccer,

e.g., Sydney Football Stadium and Parramatta Stadium.

However, on these occasions, tobacco signage will be covered where possible.

West End Brewers will remain as the major sponsor of the National Soccer League and for the first time will involve themselves in soccer in a socially responsible drinking and alcohol message.

As part of the sponsorship arrangement, many of the current on-ground signage will carry the health campaign message in the future.

The sponsorship means that all NSL teams and officials will wear the anti-smoking symbol on all playing gear, tracksuits and referees' uniforms.





# HALF-TIME

# ALL THE RESULTS...and the fixtures

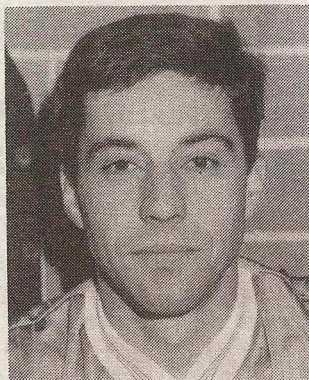
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ADELAIDE CITY		Apr.7	Jul.16	Jul.2	Feb.25	Jun.18	Mar.26	Feb.5	Feb.19	Jan.26	Apr.30	May14	Mar.12	Jun.4
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APIA LEICHAARDT	Jul.9		May28	Feb.11	May21	Jan.28	May 7	Mar.19		Mar.5	Jun.25	Jun.10	Apr.23	Jan.22
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BLACKTOWN	Jan.21	Feb.26		May21	Jun.4	May 7	Feb.12	Jun.25	Jul.9	Jun.10			Jan.29	Apr.23
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HEIDELBERG UNITED	Apr.2	Apr.30	Feb.19		May 7	Apr.23	Jan.29	Jun.10	Jun.25	May 28	Mar.19	Mar.5	Jan.22	Jul.9
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MARCONI	May28	Feb.18	Mar.4	Feb.4		Apr.9	Jan.26	Jul.16	Apr.30		May 14	Jul.2	Jun.25	Jun.10
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MELBOURNE CROATIA	Mar.19	May14	Feb.5	Jan.26	Jul.9		Jul.16	May28	Jun.10	Apr.30	Mar.4	Feb.19	Apr.1	Jun.25
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MELBOURNE JUST	Jun.25	Feb.4	Apr.30	May14	Apr.23	Jan.21		Mar.4		Feb.19	Jun.10	May28	Jul.9	Apr.1
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PRESTON MAKEDONIA	May 7	Jun.18	Mar.26	Mar.10	Jan.22	Feb.25	Jun.4		Jan.29	Jul.2	Apr.23	Apr.9	May21	Feb.12
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SOUTH MELBOURNE	May21	Jul.2	Apr.8	Mar.27	Feb.12		Jun.18	May14		Jul.16	Feb.5	Jan.26	Jun.4	Feb.26
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ST. GEORGE	Apr.23	Jun.4		Feb.26	Jun.18	Feb.10	May 21		Jan.20		Jul.9	Jun.25	May 7	Jan.29
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SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS	Feb.11	Mar.26	Jul.2	Jun.18	Jan.28	Jun.4	Mar.11	Jan.26	May 7	Apr.9		Jul.16	Feb.25	May 21
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SYDNEY CROATIA	Jan.29		Jun.18	Jun.4		May 21	Feb.26	Jul.9	Apr.23	Mar.26	Jan.22		Feb.12	May 7
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SYDNEY OLYMPIC	Jun.10	Jan.26	May14	Jul.16	Mar.26	Jul.2	Apr.7	Feb.19	Mar.3	Feb.5	May28	Apr.30		Mar.17
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WOLLONGONG	Mar.5	Jul.16	Jan.26	Apr.9	Mar.11	Mar.27	Jul.2	Apr.30	May 28	May 14	Feb.19	Feb.5	Jun.18	
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## THE GOAL SCORERS

up to and including Round 13

11 Nastevski (m, 2 pen).  
8 Kelic (mc).  
6 Ollerenshaw (stg,4p).  
5 DeJong (m). Latif (sgc).  
Spink (pm).  
4 Brown R (al). Easthorpe (w).  
Gray (m). Lowe (m). Markovski (pm,1p). Mullen (ac).  
3 Arambasic (btn). Arnold (scr). Awaritefe (mc). Bingley (stg). Crino (mj,1p). Dimoski (mj). Ironside (so). Kosmina (al,1p). Lewis (sgc,1p). Maxwell (ac). Mori (sm). Postecoglou (sm,1p). Soper

(so). Trimboli (sm).  
2 Biskic (mc). Brodnik (w). Crainie (w). Edwards (so). Hagan (al). Hasler (sgc). Markovac (pm). McCulloch (m). McGarry (so). McKenna (btn). Melta (ac). Oulsalkas (h). Retre (mj). Ricoy (al). Slater (scr). Stubbins (h). Talidadoros (sm). Tsolakis (sm). Van Blerk (btn). Zinni (pm).  
1 Adzic (mc). Bernal (so). Caleta (mc). Calderan (m). Colagiuri (m). Cokely (w). Dakos (so). Danzo (w). Deankovic (mj). Deny-



Zlato Nastevski

er (btn). Flounders (ac). Foster (sm). Hunter (scr,1p). Ingham (scr). Ilic (stg). Jackson (pm). Koczka (stg). Lazopoulos (mj). Lee (so). Milosevic (mc). Morlando (w). Murphy (mj). Murray (al). Naumov (btn). Odzakov (btn). Palatsides (mj). Petersen (sm). Radosaljevic (al). Raynes (ha). Roodhouse (pm). Scott (h). Selemidis (mc). Skeen (w). Sterrey G (btn). Stevenson (h). Stewart (h). Talajich (mc). Theodosopoulos (h). Tredinnick (h). Vial (ac). Wade (sm).

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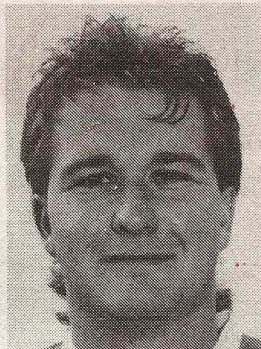
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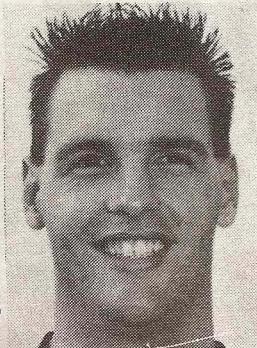
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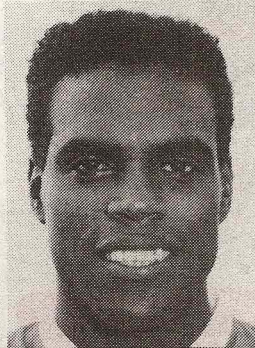
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**Marconi's off-the-field strength may turn the NSL into a**

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## MARCONI.

Coach: Bertie Mariani.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Steve Calderan	def	25	24.4.63
Paul Carter	def	25	17.7.63
Bob Catlin	gk	23	22.6.65
Vince Colagiuri	mdf	24	11.9.64
Matteo Colucci	mdf	32	14.2.57
Fred De Jong	fwd	24	5.4.64
Jean Paul De Marigny	def	25	21.1.64
Gerry Gomez	mdf	28	18.8.60
Brett Hughes	gk	19	19.4.69
Ian Gray	mdf	25	22.7.63
Peter Katholos	mdf	27	18.3.61
David Lowe	fwd	25	30.8.63
Tom McCulloch	mdf	25	10.2.64
Zlatko Nastevski	mdf	31	4.8.57
Okon Klaus	fwd	19	14.7.69
Robert Wheatley	def	27	17.1.62

The pre-season doubts centred around how Marconi would cope without Frank Farina.

Come the halfway mark, Marconi has turned everything around and the worry now is how the club can be stopped from turning the championship into a one horse race.

Marconi took over the league leadership in the sixth round and since then has strengthened its top position while the teams below dropped important points.

The secret behind the onfield

success may centre around the professionalism which abounds behind the scenes.

The new grandstand and other improvements of Bossley Park as well as the appointment of Bertie Mariani as manager coach has put Marconi furlongs ahead of the rest of the NSL in terms of administration and facilities and, if nothing else, the club has become the flag bearer of the NSL and proof of what can be achieved even in the part-time set-up that still exists in Australian soccer.

Marconi lost Frank Farina for \$200,000 to Club Brugge in Belgium and Tony Henderson who retired after nine years of NSL service.

The only close season arrival was defender Jean Paul De Marigny for \$15,000 from Apia Leichhardt.

The strong squad which was already at the club took care of the rest.

DeMarigny took over the left-back role to allow Robert Wheatley to move to his best position at sweeper in place of Henderson.

Up front, David Lowe has

come out of the shadows of Farina to lead the attack with verve and imagination.

And the added bonus was that Zlatko Nastevski continued the goalscoring form which landed him 14 goals from midfield last season.

The squad has depth in most positions.

Bob Catlin is kept on his toes by former Young Soccerroo Brett Hughes.

Gerry Gomez, Vince Colagiuri, Matteo Colucci, and Klaus

Okon are the ones ready to step in should there be any loss of form either in defence or midfield.

But, as if to prove that the club is not sitting back basking on its early success, the talk is that Marconi is involved in negotiations to bring out a striker who has played for Northern Ireland at full international level.

The rest of the NSL faces a hard task to topple the reigning champion from top spot for the rest of the season.

## Results

Opponents	Results	Scorers.
A v Preston Makedonia	W1-0	(Calderan).
4 H v Melbourne JUST	D1-1	(Lowe).
9 A v Sunshine George Cross	L1-3	(Nastevski pen).
4 H v Heidelberg	W4-0	(Nastevski, Lowe, DeJong, og).
3 A v South Melbourne	W1-0	(Gray).
1 H v Apia Leichhardt	W5-0	(Gray 2, Nastevski 3, 1 pen).
1 A v Adelaide City	W3-2	(McCulloch, Nastevski, DeJong).
1 H v Blacktown	W4-1	(McCulloch, Nastevski 2, Colagiuri).
1 A v Wollongong	W6-0	(Lowe, DeJong 3, Nastevski, Gray).
1 A v Sydney Olympic	D1-1	(Lowe).
1 H v Melbourne Croatia	W2-1	(Nastevski 2).



ABSENCE OF LAMOND AND MIDFIELD DRIVE LED TO A SYDNEY CROATIA

# GOAL DROUGHT

## Results — 1989

Opponent	Result	Scorers.
—H v Sunshine George Cross	W1-0	(Ingham).
1 A v South Melbourne	W1-0	(Slater).
1 H v Adelaide City	W2-0	(Slater, Arnold).
2 A v Wollongong	L0-1.	
4 H v Sydney Olympic	D0-0.	
3 A v Melbourne Croatia	D0-0.	
2 H v Melbourne JUST	W2-1	(Arnold, Hunter pen).
4 A v Heidelberg Alexander	L0-2.	
5 H v St George	D1-1	(Arnold).
4 A v Preston Makedonia	D0-0.	

Sydney Croatia has tightened up the defence and reduced the goals it is conceding from over one a game to let in one every two matches.

But suddenly the goals dried up at the other end and it was one of the lowest scoring sides of the National

League in the first half of the season.

The scoring shortage is all the more surprising considering it has Socceroos Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater as the two front running partners.

The shortage may be due to the loss through injury of Manis Lamond, who finished with 10 goals to his name as well as setting up several others last season.

The general consensus however is that the service has not been provided from midfield and player coach Vedran Rozic appears to agree judging by the amount of reshuffling he has done in the middle of the park.

Shane Clinch, David Rezo, Craig Foster, Mark Jones and Ivan Petkovic have been used in the three midfield positions in

varying combinations.

But Rozic's dissatisfaction was shown by the signing of Burim Zajmi from Apia Leichhardt in March.

Rozic had shown his concern by seeking to strengthen the middle of the park from pre-season but the club's bid to sign Steve Gojevic fell through and the midfielder remained transfer listed at Preston Makedonia.

The coach did sign Ned Zelic from the institute of sport but is allowing the youngster to adapt in the youth league.

A third-midfield signing, Ante Rumora, was to return to the club but did not arrive until April.

Despite the goal shortage, Sydney Croatia led the league table for two rounds and was in the top five for the first half of the season.

Manis Lamond recovered from his injury near the halfway mark and if Sydney Croatia can settle on a good combination in the middle of the park it can make the championship play-offs again this season.

With the possible addition of a quality midfielder it may even go one better than last season when it fell at the last hurdle losing the Grand Final on penalties.

## SYDNEY CROATIA

Coach: Vedran Rozic

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Arnold Graham	fwd	25	3.8.63
Clinch Shane	mdf	25	6.1.64
Foster Craig	wd	20	5.4.69
Franken Anthony	gk	24	11.1.65
Hunter Alan	def	24	30.7.64
Hunter David	def	21	25.7.67
Ingham Sean	fwd	23	13.8.65
Jennings Graham	def	29	18.1.60
Jones Mark	mdf	22	5.6.66
Lamond Manis	fwd	22	14.9.66
Petkovic Ivan	mdf	29	6.1.60
Rezo David	def	27	16.1.62
Rozic Vedran	def	34	2.11.54
Rumora Ante	mdf	28	4.7.60
Savor Wally	def	29	21.6.59
Slater Robbie	fwd	24	22.11.64
Zelic Ned	fwd	17	4.7.71



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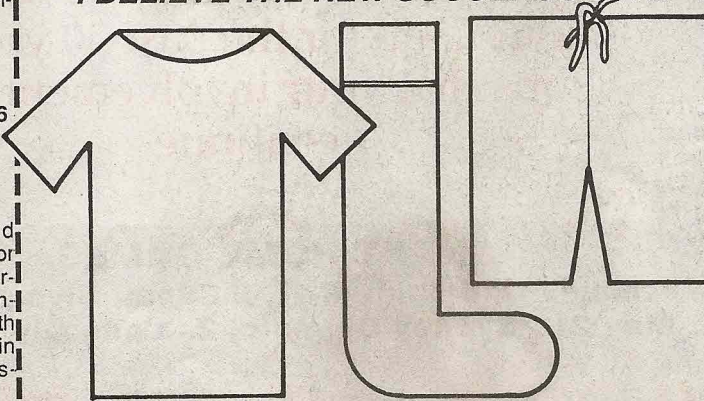
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**PRESTON MAKEDONIA**  
Coach: Andon Doncevski.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Brian Michael	fwd	19	14.5.69
Jackson Steve	def	24	2.8.64
Jolevski George	def	20	26.3.69
Markovac Robert	fwd	21	21.6.67
Markovski John	mdf	19	15.4.70
Nicolaou Dean	mdf	19	11.1.70
Petrov George	mdf	24	11.4.65
Piculovski Bill	def	22	28.8.66
Rappos Gary	mdf	18	11.9.70
Roodhouse Ian	def	25	15.3.64
Runje Robert	def	20	26.2.69
Samardzija Peter	fwd		
Slifkas George	mdf	19	18.10.69
Smith Steve	fwd	28	13.1.61
Spink Warren	fwd	22	4.10.66
Soklevski Veselin	def	21	7.11.67
Taseski Ilija	mdf	28	6.2.61
Tasevski Zoran	def	30	30.11.58
Traianedes Phil	gk	23	31.3.66
Zinni Andrew	fwd	24	6.3.65

**With the switches off, the side lost its games. Then Preston became**

# PRESSED MAKEDO

**Results — 1989**

Opponents	Results	Scorers.
— H v Marconi	L0-1	—
13 A v Sunshine George Cross	L1-2	(Spink).
11 H v South Melbourne	W2-1	(Zinni, Spink).
10 A v Adelaide City	W2-1	(Markovski pen, Spink).
6 H v Wollongong	W1-0	(Markovac).
5 A v Sydney Olympic	D1-1	(Zinni).
4 H v Melbourne Croatia	W3-0	(Markovski 2, Spink).
3 A v Melbourne JUST	W2-1	(Spink, Markovski).
2 H v Heidelberg Alexander	D1-1	(Roodhouse).
2 A v Apia Leichhardt	D1-1	(Markovac).
2 H v Blacktown	D1-1	(Jackson).

Preston Makedonia has not been given the credit it deserves for its performances over the first half of the season.

Preston lost its opening two matches of the season but since then made the steady climb from 13th spot in the table to second and nudged itself comfortably into a position to challenge Marconi's supremacy over the second half of the season.

Makedonia's away record has been especially impressive getting victories at Adelaide City and Melbourne JUST and leaving Sydney with a point from each of its three visits.

The team has garnered the points despite suspensions, injuries and the absence of Warren Spink, John Markovski and George Slifkas through Socceroo duties which did not allow coach Andon Doncevski



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to field the same line-up twice in a row throughout the opening 13 rounds.

Players ranging from Spink, to Steve Smith and Andrew Zinni have admitted that the team has only been playing well in patches and that they expect bigger things once the team settles and strikes top form.

The Preston Makedonia side was virtually built during the close season.

The club lashed out \$20,000 to sign Socceroo striker Spink from Melbourne JUST, \$17,000 for former Socceroo Zinni from Brunswick Juventus, and managed to lure Young Socceroo Markovski for \$14,000 from Sunshine George Cross.

Other newcomers were Robert Markovac, also from George Cross for a bargain \$6000, and former Australian Under 16 captain Robert Runje for \$5000 from Croydon City.

The four major signings - Spink, Markovski, Zinni and Markovac - grabbed the bulk of the goals to provide ample proof of their value.

Spink and Markovski grabbed most of the attention with some spectacular finishing.

But it's an open secret that the player Doncevski values the most is Zinni, whose speed and commitment has proved a vital means of carving open opposition defences.

It is significant that Zinni was missing in the match against Blacktown when the side put in a shocking performance and was lucky to get away with a draw.

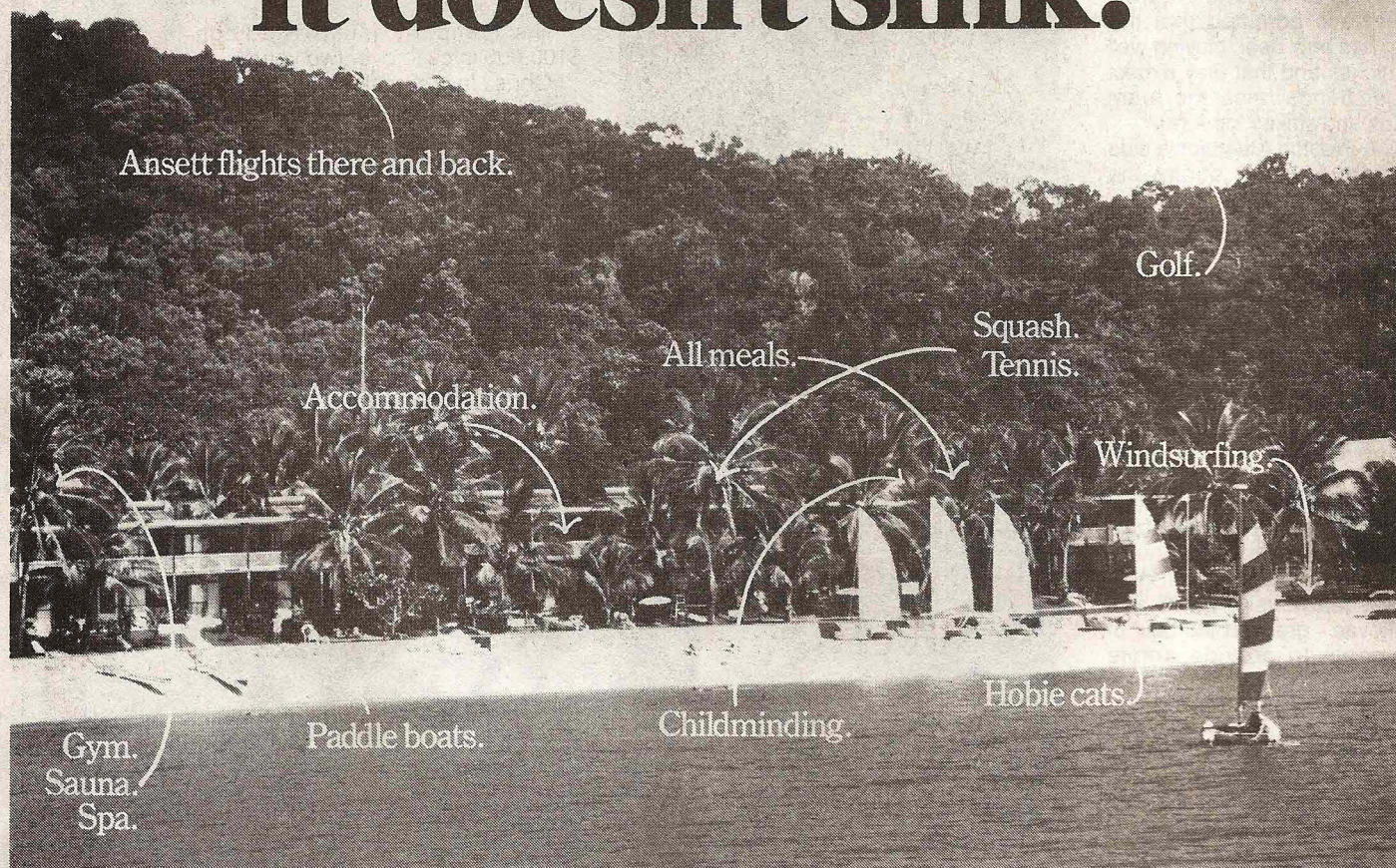
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One player who has taken some of the limelight off the newcomers is goalkeeper Phil Traianedes, who was in sparkling form consistently and made a number of saves in spectacular style.

Doncevski also singled him out for praise saying he deserves to return to the Soccerroo training squad after establishing himself as the number three of the country (after Soccerroos Jeff Olver and Mike Gibson).

Two youngsters signed by the club who are yet to play in the NSL are Dean Nicolaou from the institute of sport and Gary Rappos from Victorian League club Eltham.

All the signings came in to fill the vacancies from the massive clearout the club had after its near escape from relegation last season.

Among the familiar faces who were not retained were Ron Campbell, John Stewart, and Stuart Stevenson (all now with Heidelberg), Con Opasinis (now with Melbourne Croatia), Steve Gojevic and Mike McLennan.

Off the field, Jim Trajceviski retained his position as team manager but also become the club's major sponsor.

His company Meko Holdings is pouring \$100,000 in cash over two years.

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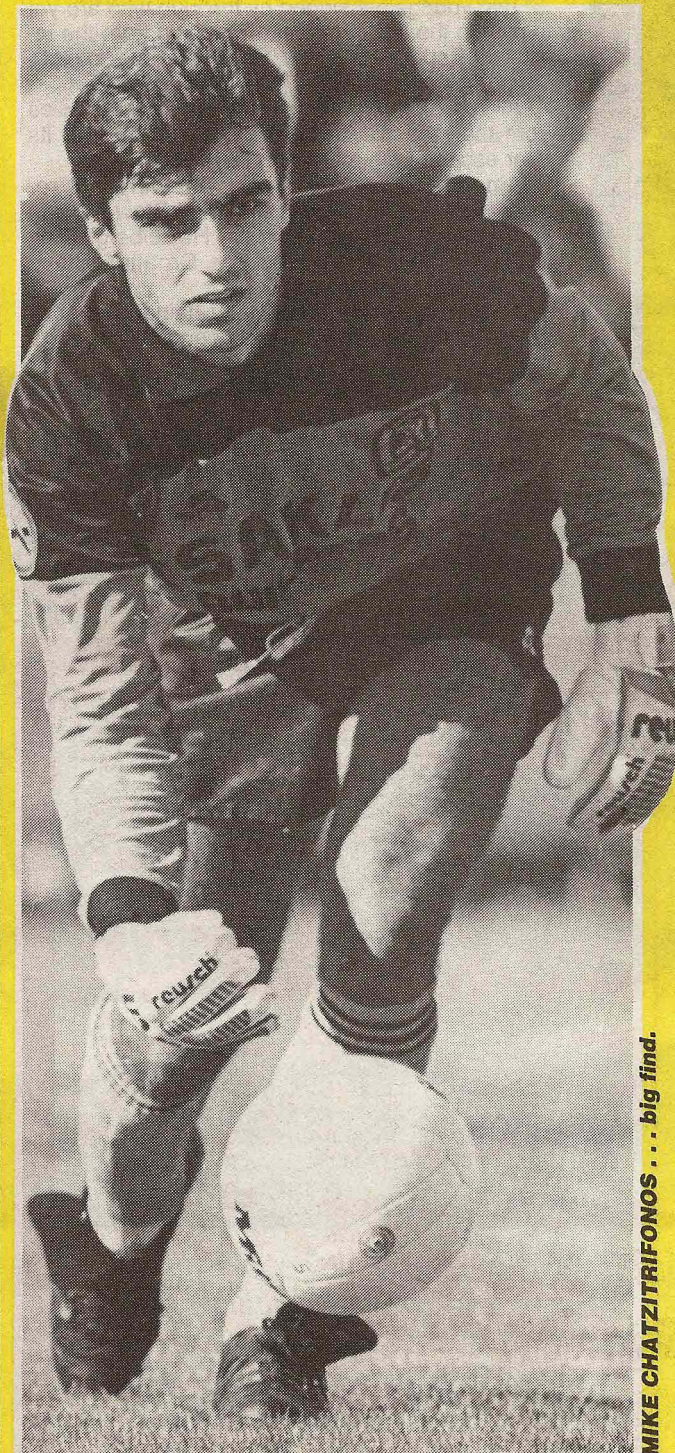
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# BLEIDELBERG

**The Bleiberg-Heidelberg combination fighting a quick exit from the NSL**



MIKE CHATZITRIFONOS... big find.

A turbulent three months marked Heidelberg Alexander's return to the top flight.

The club, trying to wipe out debts inherited when it got relegated from the NSL, convinced coach Jim Tansey to stick largely with the squad which won it promotion back into the League.

Tansey made some prudent buying getting a number of State League players for bargain prices.

Angie Goutzioulis, scorer of 10 goals in his first senior season with Caulfield City, was signed for \$4,000.

His Caulfield teammate Ike Alagiozidis joined for \$10,000. Defender Steve Douglas was snapped up from former NSL club Green Gully for \$5000 and midfielder Jon Burgess moved in on a free release from Brisbane City.

But it took the club only five rounds to realise that the team was out of its depth through lack of NSL experience.

From then on, the club decided to buy its way out of trouble and by round 13 the squad was hardly recognisable from the one which started the season.

The new arrivals were John Stewart for \$13,000 from Preston Makedonia, Alan Scott for \$11,000 from Melbourne Croatia, Peter Tredinnick for \$5000 from Apia Leichhardt, Garry McDowall for \$18,000 from Brunswick Juventus, and Stuart Stevenson for \$7000 from Preston.

After losing six of the opening seven games, Heidelberg gained three points from a win against Sydney Croatia and a

draw against Preston Makedonia.

And the club was heartened by the adjustment from State League to NSL by a number of young players including keeper Mike Chatzitirifonos, 19, Nick Oulsalkas 20, and Peter Bordignon 20.

But successive defeats against George Cross and arch rival South Melbourne led to the departure of Tansey.

Len McKendry was the intended replacement but he turned the job down only a day after accepting it.

In his place the club appointed Miron Bleiberg, who had 10 games in charge of Melbourne Croatia in 1985-86.

Bleiberg started off his reign with a 2-0 home win against Adelaide City but acknowledged he faced a huge task to lift the club out of relegation danger in the second half of the season.

## HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER. Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Alagiozidis Ike	fwd	22	2.2.67
Banovic Yeka	gk	32	12.11.56
Bordignon Peter	def	20	30.10.68
Burgess Jon	mdf	22	6.9.66
Chatzitirifonos Mike	gk	19	8.15.69
Douglas Steve	def	22	24.10.66
Goutzioulis Ange	fwd	19	15.4.70
Iliopoulos Chris	def	20	27.12.68
Kanesoulis John	def	23	4.1.66
Lucchini Claude	mdf	33	6.2.56
McDowall Garry	def	30	6.3.59
Oulsalkas Nick	def	20	22.4.69
Raynes Willie	fwd	24	30.10.64
Scott Alan	def	25	20.9.63
Stevenson Stuart	fwd	27	6.3.62
Stewart John	mdf	29	5.9.59
Stubbins Phil	fwd	25	18.10.63
Theodosopoulos Lou	fwd	22	13.9.66
Tredinnick Peter	mdf	29	6.1.60

## Results — 1989

Opponents
-- H v Sydney Olympic
14 A v Melbourne Croatia
13 H v Melbourne JUST
12 A v Marconi
14 A v Apia Leichhardt
14 H v Blacktown
14 A v St George
14 H v Sydney Croatia
14 A v Preston Makedonia
14 H v Sunshine George Cross
14 A v South Melbourne
14 H v Adelaide City
14 A v Wollongong

Results	Scorers.
L0-4	
L1-2	(Theodosopoulos).
W2-1	(Stubbins, Raynes).
L0-4	
L0-3	
L1-2	(Stewart).
L0-1	
W2-0	(Oulsalkas, Stubbins).
D1-1	(Tredinnick).
L1-2	(Goutzioulis).
L1-4	(Scott).
W2-0	(Oulsalkas, Stevenson).
L0-3	



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# MELBOURNE CROATIA 1989

Back Row (left to right): Michael Valovic (assistant team manager), Paul Donnelly, Con Opasinis, Frank Valentic, Mark Talajich, Ivan Duzel, Ivan Raznjevic (coach).

Middle Row (left to right): Jeff Olver, Ivan Kelic, Stuart Cannell, George Hannah, Paul Jurcic, Anthony Grbac, Joe Rados, David Filipovic (team manager).

Front Row (left to right): Theo Selemidis, Zeljko Adzic, Alan Davidson, Joe Biskic, Branko Milosevic, Frances Awaritefe.





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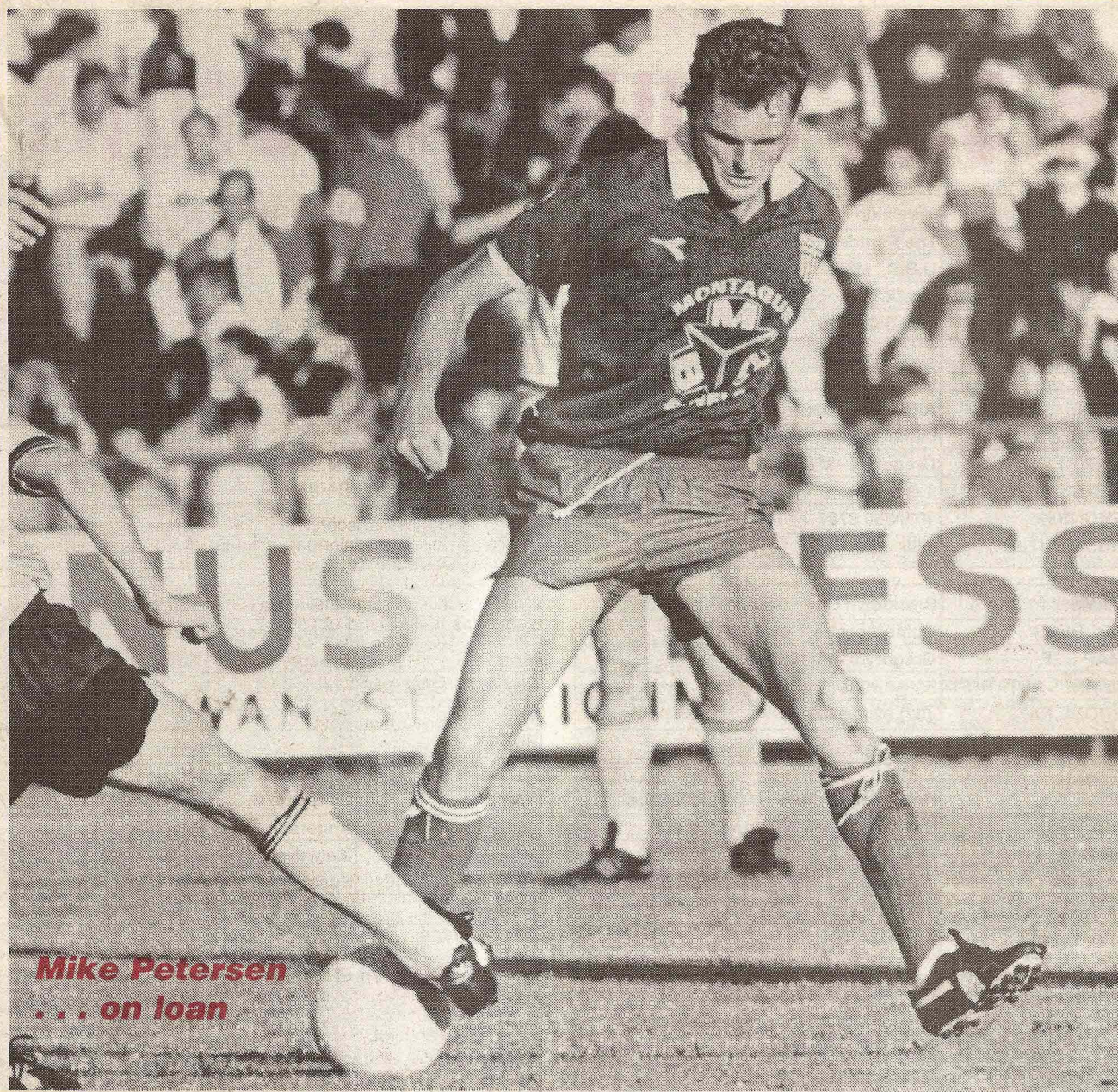
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# DARK HORSE

On paper, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS appears to be paying dearly for being the most inactive club of the National Soccer League in the 1989 pre-season.

But what is really happening is that South Melbourne is growing up and has introduced some stability to a set-up previously only renowned for being the most volatile of the NSL.

The committee and coach Brian Garvey concentrated largely on keeping together the relatively young side which took South Melbourne so close to winning the 1988 NSL championship.

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NAME	Sydney Croatia-Croatian Sports Centre
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NAME	Sydney Olympic - Sydney Football Stad.
ADDRESS	Moore Park Road, Moore Park
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NAME	Wollongong City - Brandon Park
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BUS ROUTES	





## DARK HORSE continued

The club reasoned that the team had the missing ingredient of having a year's experience behind it and keeping it intact would bridge the gap and gain the title in 1989.

What did happen is that the club lost Soccerroo midfielder Paul Wade with a pelvic strain until the seventh round and his midfield partner Steve Tasios was ruled out for the opening nine matches with glandular fever.

Their absence contributed to Hellas having an unsatisfactory first half of the season which saw it hover above the relegation zone. The most painful results to bear were home defeats to Sydney Croatia, Marconi and Wollongong.

There were benefits however. Apart from the core of players from last year, the club regained Peter Tsolakis from a hernia operation, and also signed Mike Petersen on a year's loan from Brunswick Juventus for \$10,500.

The introduction of another

er exciting young newcomer in Victoria youth representative Damian Mori, who scored three goals.

And the chance for Kim Taliadoros, who made fleeting appearances in 1988, to get more opportunities of adapting to the NSL.

Another youngster, Bill Tsiakos, also would have got a chance but for an injury which sidelined him for several weeks.

Providing the club is able to field its strongest side without sustaining injuries, South Melbourne still has time to end up challenging for a top five spot - and reaching its pre-season aim of going one better than last year to engrave its name on the NSL championship shield at the end of the campaign.

**Above left: Peter Tsolakis gets congratulations from teammates & acknowledges the cheers of the crowd after scoring. Tsolakis resumed playing after a year on the sidelines through injury. Below: Paul Wade back in action after the opening rounds of the NSL.**

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Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Anezakis Manny	def	23	27.6.65
Blair Steve	def	27	28.9.61
Donnelly Paul	fwd	19	16.2.70
Fernandes Paul	def	21	22.8.67
Foster Paul	fwd	19	28.12.69
Healy David	def	21	13.3.68
MacLaren Bruce	gk	26	11.5.62
Michell Haris	def	20	6.10.68
Mori Damian	fwd	18	30.9.70
Petersen Mike	mdf	23	6.5.65
Postecoglou Angie	def	23	27.8.65
Russell Bobby	def	33	16.7.55
Taliadoros Klmon	fwd	21	28.3.68
Tasios Steve	mdf	23	31.7.67
Trimboli Paul	fwd	20	25.2.69
Tsiakos Bill	mdf	18	17.8.70
Tsolakis Peter	fwd	23	9.12.65
Wade Paul	mdf	27	20.3.62
Wright Danny	fwd	24	2.11.64



### Results — 1989

Opponent	Result	Scorers
- A v St George	W3-0	(Postecoglou pen, Trimboli, Tsolakis).
7 H v Sydney Croatia	L0-1.	
10 A v Preston Makedonia	L1-2	(Mori).
9 H v Sun.George Cross	W2-1	(Mori 2).
9 H v Marconi	L0-1.	
10 A v Adelaide City	D2-2	(Foster, Postecoglou).
11 H v Wollongong	L0-2.	
9 A v Sydney Olympic	W3-0	(Petersen, Postecoglou pen, Trimboli).
9 H v Heidelberg	W4-1	(Tsolakis, Taliadoros, Wade, Trimboli).
10 H v Blacktown	D1-1	(Taliadoros).



# SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS



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**A new sponsorship brought a much needed injection of funds, but on the park Sunshine George Cross has to prove there is...**

# LIFE AFTER JONESY

Sunshine George Cross was the club responsible for the new sponsorship deal for Australian Soccer obtained through the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

The club, without a major sponsor since joining the National Soccer League in 1984, approached the VHPF and got the positive response which set the ball rolling for the Foundation to also become involved with the Socceroos, the whole National League, and the various state federations in a sponsorship deal worth \$7 million over five years.

George Cross, as part of the deal, is getting a \$60,000 sponsorship from the ".05, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign.

The Health Promotion Foundation, funded through a tax on cigarettes, has a target to buy out tobacco sponsorship from sport among its aims.

Terry Muscat, the George Cross vice-president who made the initial approach to the VHPF, has since turned his attention towards gaining the club a new and better ground in Victoria's western suburbs and has been dealing with the Sunshine council towards that aim.

While the activity has been going on off the field, the George Cross side was adjusting to life without John Markovski.

Markovski, nicknamed "Jonesy", progressed from the club's juniors to become one of the youngest players

(at 15) to play in the NSL and has since established himself as a star of the League as well as playing in two World Youth Championship campaigns with the Young Socceroos.

The youngster moved on, accepting a lucrative offer from Preston Makedonia and his departure prompted new predictions that the club was doomed for relegation.

But John Gardiner used the money gained from the sale of Markovski and Robert Markovac to sign Paul Lewis for \$17,000 from Melbourne Croatia and Ossie Latif from Albion Turk Gucu for \$8000 to lead the club's attack.

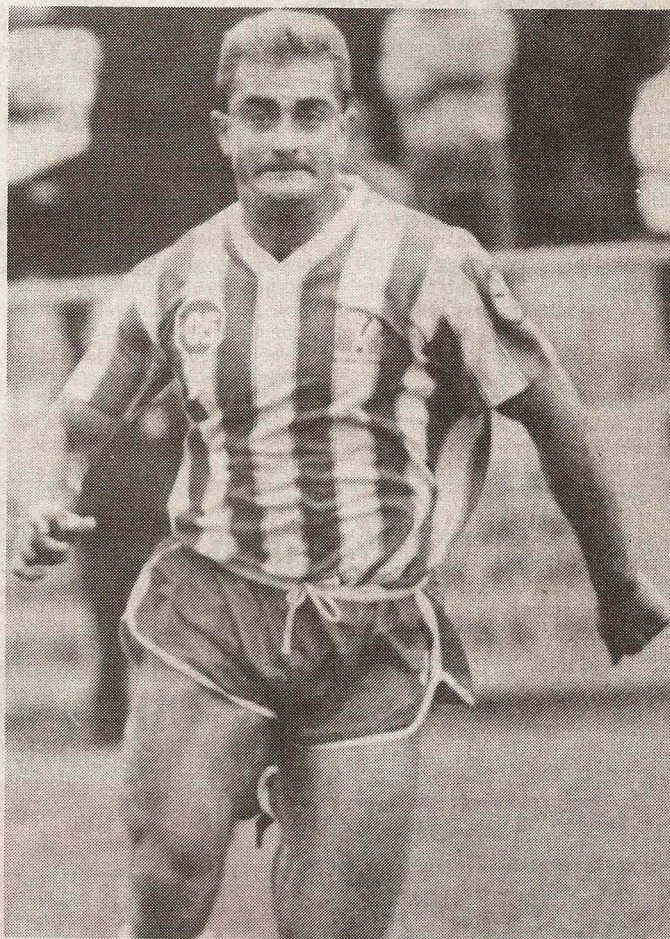
The only other arrivals at the club were Brian Roberts from New Zealand and Pat Morley who was formerly with Linfield in Ireland.

The last two didn't establish themselves as a regulars in the side but the old stagers carried the club to a number of excellent results including a 3-1 win over Marconi in the third round which lifted Cross to third in the league for a week.

Successive losses to South Melbourne and Adelaide City dropped it down the table but the side then went through six rounds unbeaten to move back up around the Top Five mark.

Coach Gardiner has maintained that the first priority is to avoid a relegation battle.

But if the club can strengthen the midfield with a quality wide player, it may continue to surprise by earning a place in the Championship play-offs.



**Ossie Latif**

## SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS Coach: John Gardiner.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Alevizos George	def	18	1.10.70
Campell John	def	24	28.1.65
Carter Les	mdf	28	24.10.60
Faulkner Jeff	mdf	33	12.1.56
Hasler Gary	fwd	18	5.7.70
Keogh Sean	gk	27	20.6.61
Ketsakidis Chris	def	22	23.3.67
Kotzamichalis Aki	def	22	12.5.66
Latif Ossie	fwd	25	8.2.64
Lennon Mark	fwd	24	7.1.65
Lewis Paul	fwd	28	28.4.61
Maclaren Don	mdf	29	7.8.59
Marth Andrew	def	20	10.2.69
Parton Shaun	def	27	7.9.61
Roberts Brian	fwd	22	3.2.67
Taylor Chris	def	29	10.9.59
Waddell John	def	23	26.3.66

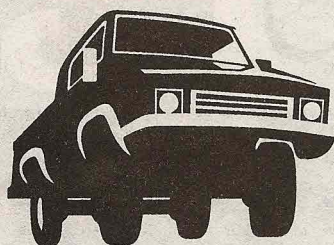
## Results — 1989

Opponents	Results	Scorers
— A v Sydney Croatia	L0-1.	
8 H v Preston Makedonia	W2-1	(Lewis pen, Latif).
3 H v Marconi	W3-1	(Faulkner, Hasler, Latif).
8 A v South Melbourne	L1-2	(Lewis).
10 H v Adelaide City	L0-2.	
11 A v Wollongong	D0-0.	
10 H v Sydney Olympic	D1-1	(Hasler).
7 A v Melbourne Croatia	W2-0	(Latif 2).
5 H v Melbourne JUST	D0-0.	
4 A v Heidelberg Alexander	W2-1	(Lewis, Latif).
6 H v Apia Leichhardt	L0-1.	
8 H v St George	L0-1.	



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# BOOM CLUB



Star signing Zeljko Adzic

Melbourne Croatia is set to become the boom club of Victorian soccer within the next two years.

The club has already set the pace by becoming the first Melbourne NSL set-up which owns its own ground.

After buying the area of land two years ago at a bargain price, Croatia managed to turn it into one of the better soccer reserves in Melbourne in a matter of five months before the start of the 1989 season.

The basics of a top playing pitch, spacious dressing rooms for four teams, terracing, fence and pressbox as well as a social club gained Croatia permission from the NSL to stage matches there.

But that is only the start with the club planning to finish a covered grandstand and installing TV standard floodlights by the end of this season.

Because of the location - a large majority of the Croatian community lives in the western suburbs - the club is guaranteed better support.

And having significantly reduced costs (not having to pay to use the ground), it can expect to be able to afford to get the best quality players in Australia in the foreseeable future.

Already this season it has brought over top attacking midfielder Zeljko Adzic.

Adzic, who played 10 games for Dinamo Zagreb before going into the army, spent the past two seasons with Hamilton Steelers and was a star in Canada's fledgling national league.

He scored 14 goals in successive seasons and helped the Steelers to take out the championship last October.

Heartened by his success, Melbourne Croatia went after Adzic's goalscoring partner, Armando Gasparini, an Argentinian who signed for first division side Cordoba after being the top scorer in Canada with 16 goals.

The player agreed on the

club's attractive offer in April and is expected to be a big hit in the NSL for the second half of the season.

The man responsible for the interest in Canada's soccer stars was Melbourne Croatia coach Ivan Raznjevic who coached Vancouver and Seattle Croatia before coming to Australia last November.

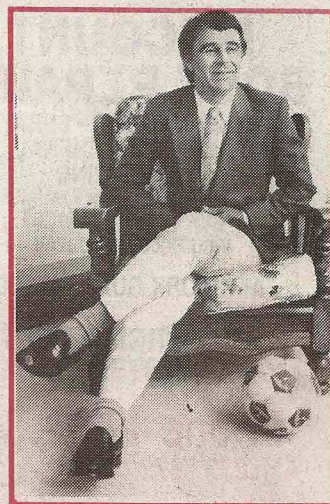
Apart from signing Adzic, the club also made a number of interesting pre-season signings.

Ivan Kelic, the 1988 Victorian State League top scorer and his midfield partner Ivan Duzel were recruited from St Albans.

Frances Awaritefe, a striker in Australia on a working visa, gained a release from English Vauxhall League club Sutton.

Defenders Con Opasinis (for \$11,000 from Preston Makedonia) and Stuart Cannell (for \$4000 from Green Gully) were added after the backline was depleted early in the season with injuries to George Hannah, Young Socceroo Steve Horvat (another close season signing), Mark Talajich and Victorian youth representative Paul Jurcic.

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Coach Ivan Raznjevic



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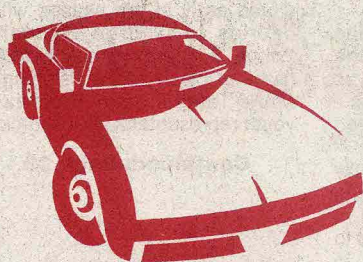
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Raznjevic's coaching methods met with good reaction and the team started off on the right footing by slamming 15 goals in its opening six games.

Kelic got eight of those, including a hattrick in a 6-0 win over Blacktown.

But after holding top spot in the league for a couple of weeks, suddenly - and for no apparent reason - the goals dried up and the club slid swiftly down the table as the side went through 500 agonising minutes (five and a half games) without hitting the back of the net.

The goal drought came to an end against Sydney Olympic and with the return of the club's Socceroos from World Cup duty, Melbourne Croatia can continue to improve and hold down a top five spot.

The time when Melbourne Croatia will declare outright ambitions to win the National Soccer League will be in 1990.

*Off the soccer field, Melbourne Croatia made another significant gain during the season by gaining a new sponsorship from AMP insurance worth \$80,000 over two years. Apart from the cash benefit, AMP is also supplying the club with an electronic scoreboard as part of the deal.*



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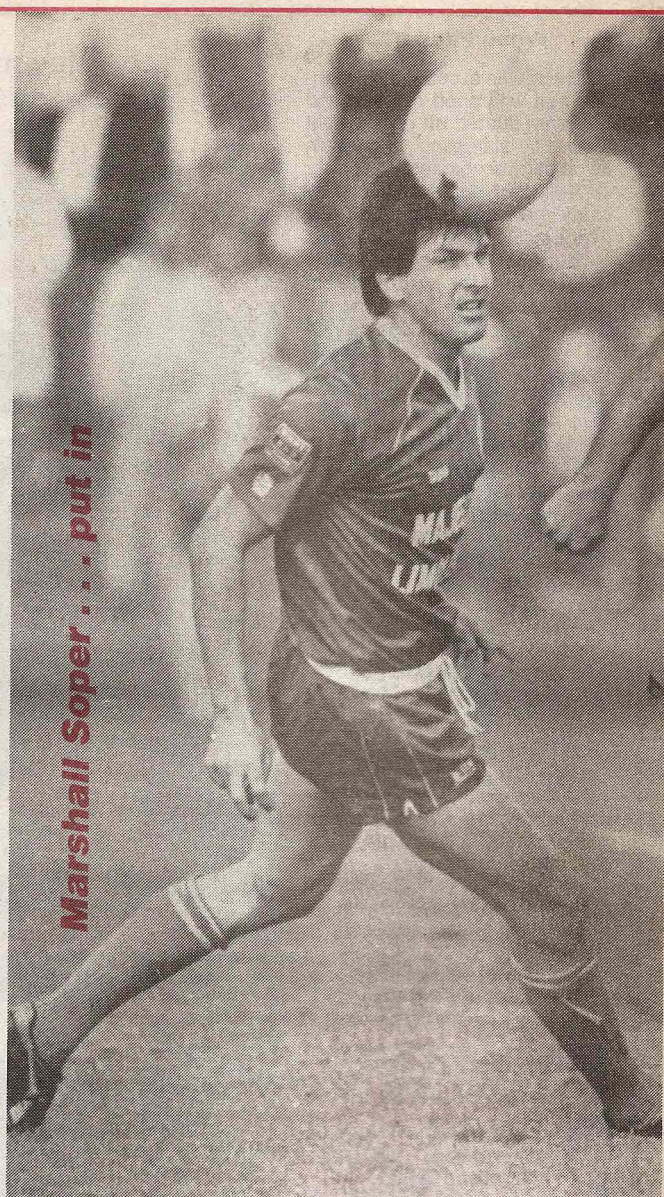
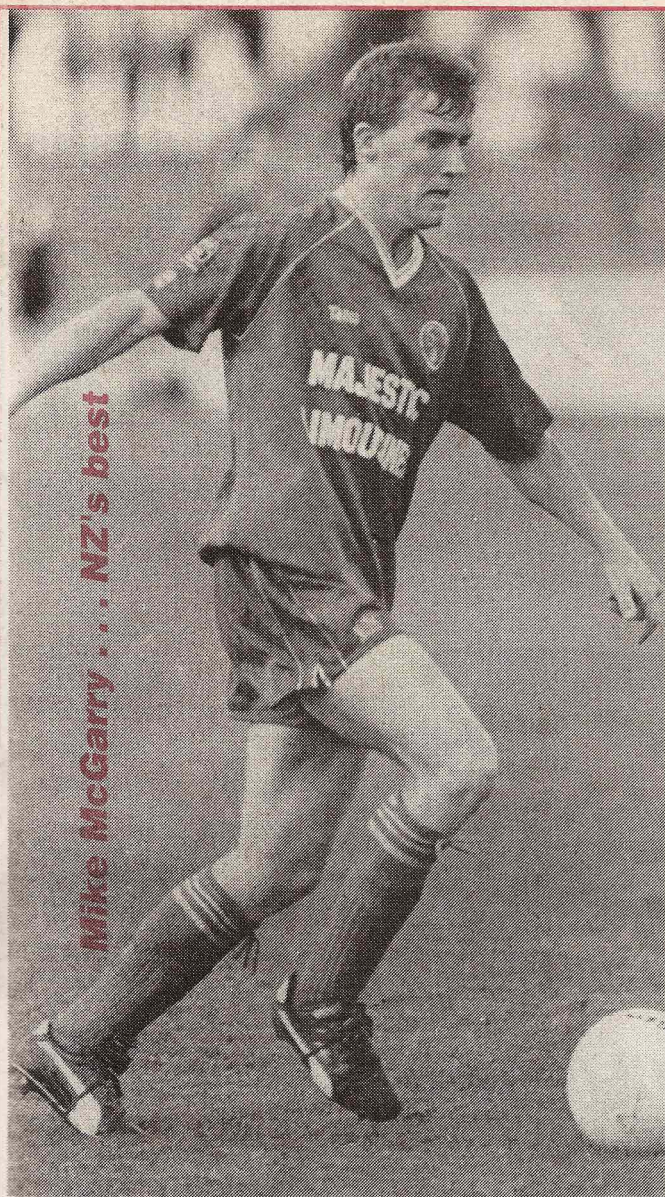
**Committee:** Stipe Sviric.

## **MELBOURNE CROATIA — Coach: Ivan Raznjevic**

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.	Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Adzic Zeljko	mdf	23	28.8.65	Horvat Steve	def	18	4.3.71
Awaritefe Frances	fwd	25	18.4.64	Kelic Ivan	fwd	20	29.12.68
Biskic Joe	mdf	29	20.5.59	Milosevic Branko	mdf	24	21.8.64
Caleta Joe	fwd	22	30.5.66	Olver Jeff	gk	28	25.12.80
Cannell Stuart	def	30	3.12.58	Opasins Con	def	24	15.10.64
Davidson Alan	def	28	1.6.60	Rados Joe	gk	17	5.10.71
Donnelly Paul	def	28	14.7.60	Selemidis Theo	def	29	27.10.59
Duzel Ivan	mdf	25	27.3.64	Talajich Mark	def	19	2.7.69
Hannah George	def	31	18.7.57	Valentic Frank	def	19	11.1.70

1989 Opponents	Results	Scorers
- A v Melbourne JUST	L1-3	(Kelic).
9 H v Heidelberg	W2-1	(Selemidis, Biskic).
4 A v Apia Leichhardt	W4-3	(Milosevic, Awaritefe, Kelic).
1 H v Blacktown	W6-0	(Kelic 3, Caleta, Biskic, Awaritefe).
1 A v St George	D2-2	(Kelic 2).
2 H v Sydney Croatia	D0-0	
5 A v Preston Makedonia	L0-3	
6 H v Sunshine George Cross	L0-2	
6 H v Adelaide City	D0-0	
7 A v Wollongong	L0-2	
7 H v Sydney Olympic	W2-1	(Adzic, Awaritefe).
9 A v Marconi	L1-2	(Talajich).





# OLYMPIC M

SYDNEY OLYMPIC has not lived up to its pre-season ranking as the warm favorite for the championship.

An astute recruiting campaign by coach Eddie Thomson led to a strong belief that the club had the right combination of players to issue a strong challenge for the title after twice failing at the last hurdle - the grand final.

The strong squad Olympic had in 1988 was complimented with three excellent signings signed at bargain prices.

While he was on holidays in

Scotland, Thomson arranged for the signing of former Young Socceroo Alistair Edwards.

Edwards, who played in the 1987 World Youth Championship finals in Chile, spent a useful year at Glasgow Rangers figuring strongly in the club's strong reserve side.

The 1985 Young Socceroo captain Andrew Bernal, was snapped up on his return to Australia from a stint in Spain and a season with Ipswich in the English second division.

And the third signing, Mike

McGarry, was arguably NZ best player in the 1988 Olympic Games qualifiers.

In addition Thomson reconciled his differences with striker Marshall Soper, who returned to Olympic after a period on loan to Wollongong and showed his determination by putting in a very hard pre-season.

Soper and Edwards were to replace veteran John Kosmina and Terry Patalis (who went to AEK in Greece in the close season) in the forward line.

But while Olympic dominated

matches at times, Eddie Thomson's hair started to turn greyer as the forward line failed to convert chances into goals.

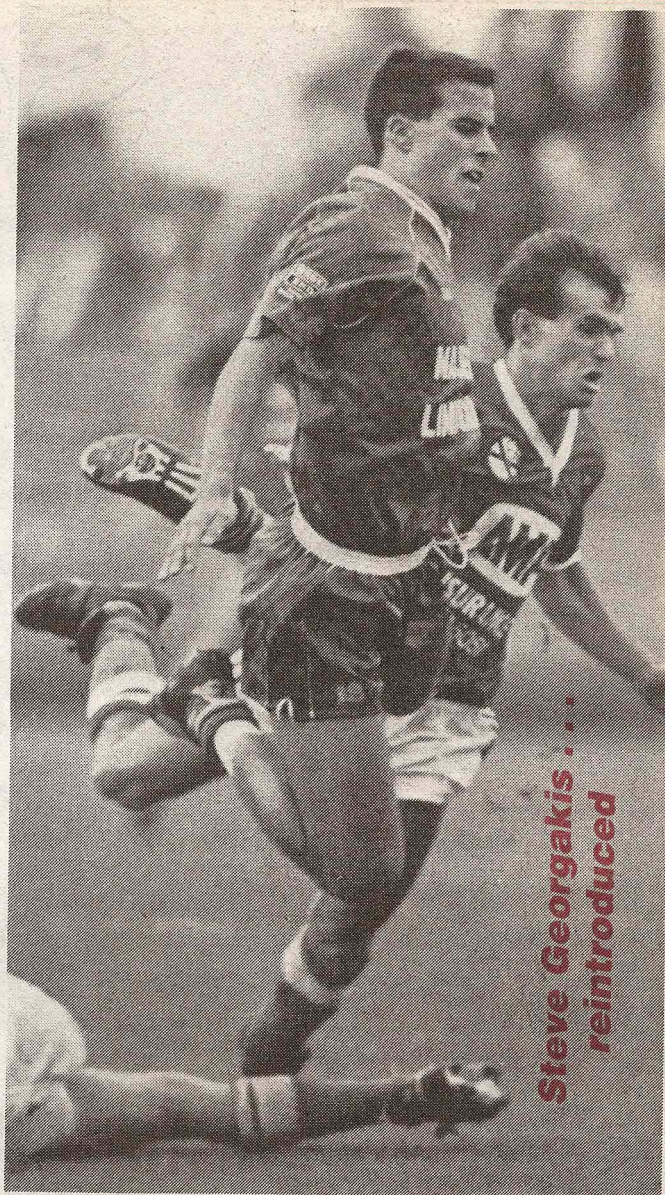
The side failed to score in five games in the opening nine rounds and the lack of goals has been costly in terms of points.

Thomson got frustrated to the point of bringing in youngsters and the combination of newcomer Jason Bennett and Abbas Saad went haywire in the NSL Cup banging in five of the six goals in a 6-3 win over St George.





Abbas Saad... went haywire



Steve Georgakis... reintroduced

# YSTERY

And another youngster Steve Georgakis was re-introduced into the side after recovering from a broken leg sustained in 1988.

Despite the shortage of goals, Olympic slipped into the top five near the halfway mark and remains a threat for the second half of the season.

The championship is still a possibility if the strikers can hit their straps and start turning the near misses into goals.

## Results — 1989

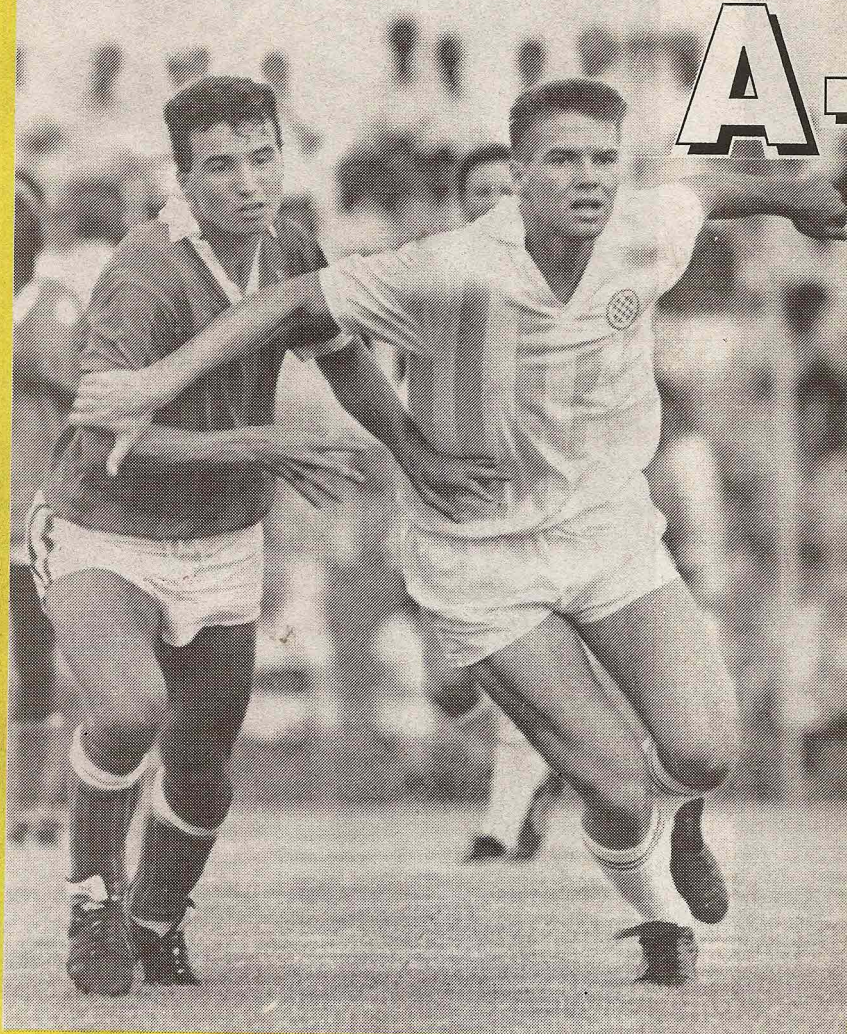
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2 A v Blacktown	W2-0	(McGarry pen, Soper).
7 H v St George	L0-2	
7 A v Sydney Croatia	D0-0	
7 H v Preston Makedonia	D1-1	(Lee).
8 A v Sun. George Cross	D1-1	(Soper).
10 H v South Melbourne	L0-3	
7 A v Adelaide City	D0-0	
6 H v Wollongong	W3-1	(Dakos, Ironside 2).
4 H v Marconi	D1-1	(Edwards).
5 A v Melbourne Croatia	L1-2	(McGarry).
7 H v Melbourne JUST	L1-2	(Edwards).

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Barrett Dave	def	20	21.2.69
Bennett Jason	fwd	19	19.9.69
Bernal Andrew	def	22	16.5.66
Dakos Tony	def	25	9.4.64
Edwards Alistair	fwd	20	21.6.68
Georgakis Steve	mdf	18	25.8.70
Gosling Clint	gk	29	1.5.60
Haniotis George	def	22	4.6.66
Hooker Robert	def	22	6.3.67
Ironside Robert	def	21	20.8.67
Koch John	def	20	26.6.68
Lee Grant	fwd	27	19.10.61
McGarry Mike	mdf	23	17.5.65
Meier Gary	gk	33	10.9.55
Phillips Gary	def	25	9.6.63
Polak Jason	mdf	21	9.1.68
Pontidas Tom	mdf	21	3.2.68
Raskopoulos Peter	mdf	27	22.2.62
Saad Abbas	mdf	21	1.12.67
Soper Marshall	fwd	28	12.5.60



# Solid as A-ROK



**Young striker Tony Krslovic (in white) in action for Sydney Croatia (against Frank Valentice of Melbourne Croatia) before crossing to St. George in round 5.**

Frank Arok became manager coach of St. George in February 1982 and led the club to the NSL championship the following season.

Since then there has been a gradual change of policy with lack of funds forcing him to concentrate on talent produced by the club itself.

Eight seasons on from the appointment, the club is a shining example on how to remain a force without continually dipping into the transfer market.

This season Arok released one veteran, and signed three new players on free releases as well as promoting three more youngsters in the senior squad.

But despite the shoestring budget, the club performed

solidly to stay in the top five throughout the first half of the 1989 season.

The new arrivals were:

\* David Ratcliffe, who healed his rift with Arok and returned to the club after stints at Sydney Olympic and Wollongong.

\* Ferdie Adoboe, the first player from Ghana to play in the NSL. He simply turned up on the club's doorstep and asked for a trial.

\* Tony Krslovic. The highly promising young striker who has only been able to manage 19 appearances at Sydney Croatia because of the experienced opposition in the forward line.

Andy Harper who has had stints at Sydney City and Sydney Olympic also joined the club

as a free agent.

From within the club's junior ranks, Arok promoted schoolboy Matthew Bingley and Jim Morakeas into the senior squad.

Morakeas filled in at right-back before David Green recovered from injury.

Bingley grabbed three goals in his first five appearances and virtually became a regular.

Ratcliffe, a centreback throughout his Socceroo days, was switched into a defensive midfield role to allow captain Andy Koczka to switch to the sweeper position occupied by Steve O'Connor, the veteran who was released in the close season.

The reshuffled side built on a shoestring budget defeated high

priced outfits like Sydney Olympic and Apia Leichhardt and held other star studded teams like Sydney Croatia, Melbourne Croatia, and Melbourne JUST to draws.

The club is in a transitional period as it changed hands being sold by the Social Club to a group of the soccer club's committeemen.

The new group intends to issue shares to turn the club into a public company.

Regardless who the owners are, the club remains as solid as a rock as long as the present shrewd manager-coach remains in charge.

## ST GEORGE

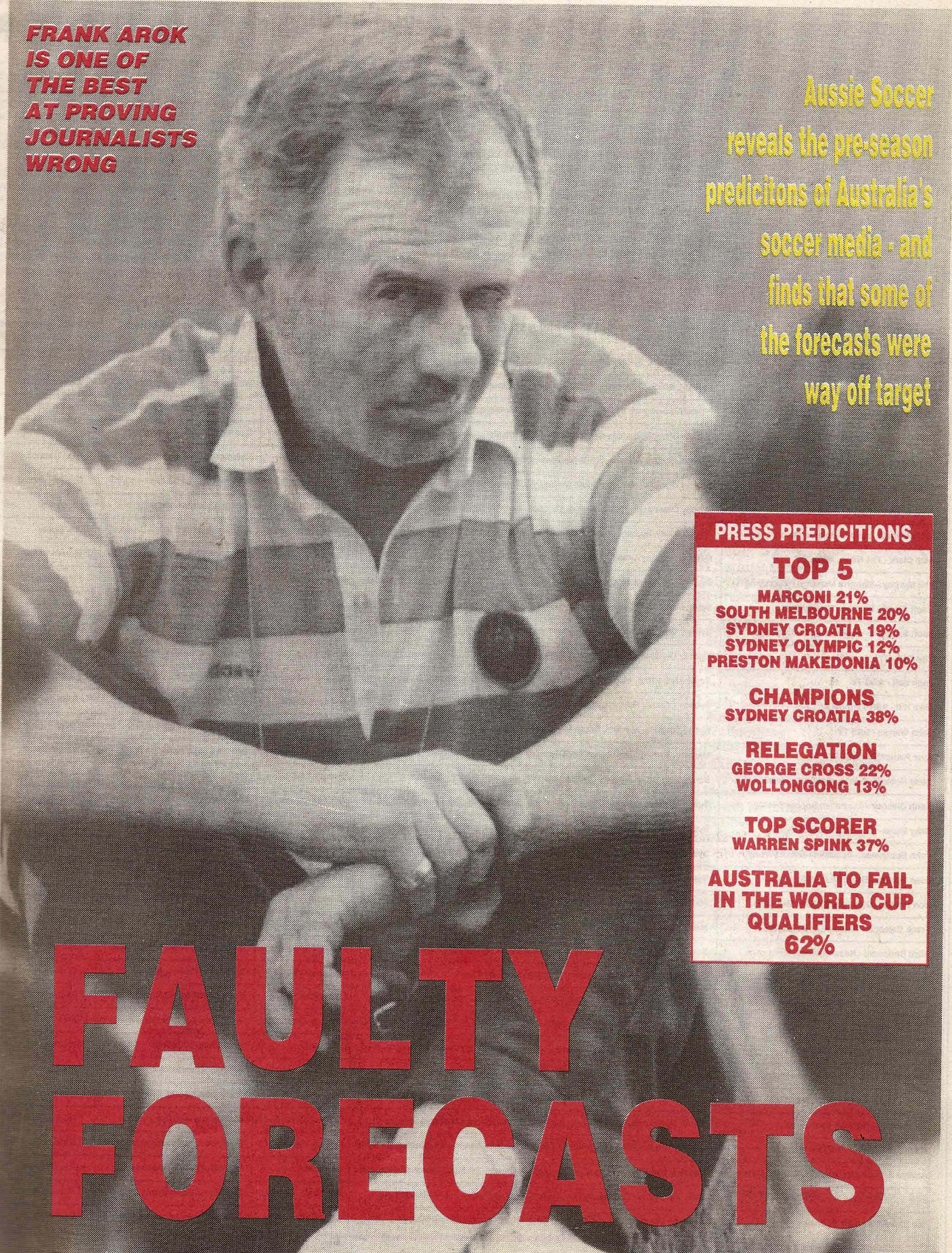
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Grbevski Mike	def	22	6.4.67
Green David	def	25	4.5.63
Harper Andy	fwd	21	13.5.67
Ilic Zoran	fwd	19	1.9.69
Kakakios Jim	def	17	7.8.71
Koczka Andy	def	23	9.9.65
Krslovic Tony	fwd	19	14.7.69
Lampropoulos Alex	def	23	4.2.66
Moffitt Craig	mdf	21	13.9.67
Morakeas Jim	def	18	17.7.70
Ollerenshaw Scott	fwd	21	9.2.68
O'Shea Mike	def	28	27.5.60
Pottier Allan	mdf	28	6.8.60
Ratcliffe David	mdf	32	9.3.57

## Results — 1989

Opponents	Results	Scorers.
H v South Melbourne	L0-3	
11 A v Adelaide City	W1-0	(Bingley).
5 H v Wollongong	W2-0	(Ollerenshaw 2).
3 A v Sydney Olympic	W2-0	(Bingley, Ollerenshaw pen).
5 H v Melbourne Croatia	D2-2	(Ollerenshaw pen, Bingley).
4 A v Melbourne JUST	D0-0	
3 H v Heidelberg Alexander	W1-0	(Douglas og).
2 A v Apia Leichhardt	W2-1	(Ollerenshaw pen, Koczka).
3 A v Sydney Croatia	D1-1	(Ollerenshaw pen).
3 A v Sun. George Cross	W1-0	(Ilic).





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THE BEST  
AT PROVING  
JOURNALISTS  
WRONG**

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predictions of Australia's  
soccer media - and  
finds that some of  
the forecasts were  
way off target**

**PRESS PREDICTIONS**

**TOP 5**

**MARCONI 21%  
SOUTH MELBOURNE 20%  
SYDNEY CROATIA 19%  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 12%  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 10%**

**CHAMPIONS**

**SYDNEY CROATIA 38%**

**RELEGATION**

**GEORGE CROSS 22%  
WOLLONGONG 13%**

**TOP SCORER**

**WARREN SPINK 37%**

**AUSTRALIA TO FAIL  
IN THE WORLD CUP  
QUALIFIERS  
62%**

# **FAULTY FORECASTS**



# MEDIA PROPHETS GET JUDGED ON

The problem with pre-season forecasts is that nobody seems to follow them through to find out how accurate the predictions are. Well, "Aussie Soccer" is changing all that. On these pages we are presenting our readers with an opinion poll which was taken before the season kicked-off and which has been kept under wraps for the opening 13 rounds to find out how accurate the prophets of doom are. The 'victims' of our plan are 36 media men spread around Australia, who cover the National Soccer League on a regular basis.

We asked the esteemed gentlemen to predict the teams which will finish in the top five spots and to name the eventual champion out of those five.

After that, we asked them to use their expertise to tell us the two clubs which will finish in the bottom two positions.

Stretching it further, they had to predict the eventual top scorer of the league and finally they had to answer whether Australia's Socceroos would win their way through the qualifiers to

get a spot among the finalists in the World Cup in 1990.

As a means of justifying their selections, we gave them a chance to give us one comment to explain one of their forecasts.

Halfway into the season, the poll turns out to make even more interesting reading than it would have done had the poll been published before the NSL started.

And there are bound to be some red faces among the people polled since what is happening in a number of cases is way off beam from what

the prophets predicted.

George Cross, for example, was the overwhelming favorite to struggle at the bottom but is proving everyone wrong, managing not only to steer clear of the relegation zone but also being up there challenging for a top five spot.

And Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne are finding it hard to live up to the promise of being certainties in the race for the top five.

In the Top Scoring stakes, even one of the 36 reporters' crystal ball ignored the talents of Zlatko Nastevis

## YOUR CHANCE TO JUDGE ON THE FORECASTS MADE BY

Reporter	Predict the 1989 NSL Top Five	The 1989 Champion	The 2 relegated sides	The Top Scorer
Peter Desira - The Sun, Melbourne	Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne, Marconi, Preston Makedonia.	South Melbourne	Wollongong/Apia Leichhardt	Ossie Latif
Laurie Schwab - The Age, Melbourne	Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia, Melbourne JUST, Preston Makedonia	Marconi	Wollongong/Apia Leichhardt	Warren Spink
Fred Villiers - The Truth, Melbourne	Preston Makedonia, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Melbourne JUST, South Melbourne.	Preston Makedonia	Melbourne Croatia/George Cross	Warren Spink
Mike Cockerill - Sydney Morning Herald	Sydney Olympic, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne, Adelaide City.	Sydney Olympic	George Cross/Heidelberg	Warren Spink
John Taylor - Sydney Telegraph	Marconi, Sydney Croatia, South Melbourne, Sydney, Olympic, Adelaide City.	Sydney Croatia	Heidelberg/Wollongong	Paul Trimball
Tom Anderson - Daily Mirror, Sydney	Sydney Olympic, Marconi, South Melbourne, Preston Makedonia, Sydney Croatia.	Sydney Olympic	Wollongong/Heidelberg	Graham Arnold
Allan Crisp - Adelaide Advertiser	Sydney Croatia, South Melbourne, Marconi, Adelaide City, Preston Makedonia.	Adelaide City	George Cross/Wollongong	Lenny Vial
Michelangelo Rucci - Adelaide Advertiser	Adelaide City, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne, Preston Makedonia	Sydney Croatia	Apia Leichhardt/George Cross	Joe Mullen
Alan Clark - The News, Adelaide	Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Preston Makedonia, South Melbourne, Adelaide City.	Sydney Croatia	Heidelberg/George Cross	Warren Spink
Phil Murphy - Illawarra Mercury, Wollongong	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Melbourne Croatia, George Cross, South Melbourne.	Sydney Croatia	Apia Leichhardt/Blacktown	Paul Trimball
Geoff Stead - Brisbane Courier Mail	South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Blacktown.	South Melbourne	George Cross/Wollongong	Paul Trimball
Scott Simpson - Radio 2WL, Wollongong	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne, Blacktown, Melbourne Croatia.	Sydney Croatia	Apia Leichhardt/George Cross	Warren Spink
Ray Gatt - The Australian	Sydney Olympic, Marconi, Preston Makedonia, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia.	Sydney Olympic	Wollongong/Heidelberg	Warren Spink
John Bell - ABC TV	South Melbourne, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Adelaide City, Sydney Croatia.	South Melbourne	Wollongong/Apia Leichhardt	Paul Trimball
Mike Hill - SBS TV (now ABC)	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Melbourne JUST	Sydney Croatia	Wollongong/Heidelberg	Graham Arnold
John Warren - SBS TV	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Preston Makedonia.	Sydney Croatia	Blacktown/Melbourne JUST	Warren Spink
Kyle Patterson - SBS TV	Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Melbourne JUST, South Melbourne.	Sydney Croatia	George Cross/Wollongong	Warren Spink
Peter Robins - Sunday Observer, Melbourne	South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Marconi, Marconi, Sydney Croatia.	Sydney Olympic	Blacktown/Heidelberg	Warren Spink
Keith Gilmour - Australian Soccer Weekly	Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Marconi, South Melbourne, Preston Makedonia.	Sydney Croatia	Heidelberg/Melbourne JUST	Warren Spink
Greg Blake - Australian Soccer Weekly	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne, Heidelberg, Sydney Olympic.	Sydney Croatia	George Cross/Blacktown	Warren Spink
John Economos - Australian Soccer Weekly	Sydney Croatia, South Melbourne, Marconi, Preston Makedonia, Sydney Olympic.	South Melbourne	St George/George Cross	John Kosmina
Jose Montez - Radio 3EA, Melbourne	South Melbourne, Melbourne JUST, Marconi, Adelaide City, Sydney Croatia.	South Melbourne	Apia Leichhardt/Blacktown	Robbie Slater
Con Nikolopoulos - Radio 3EA, Melbourne	Marconi, South Melbourne, George Cross, Sydney Olympic, St George	Marconi	Melbourne JUST/Blacktown	Warren Spink
Frank Calabria - Radio 3EA, Melbourne	Marconi, Sydney Croatia, South Melbourne, Preston Makedonia, Sydney Olympic	Marconi	George Cross/Melbourne JUST	Warren Spink
Ellas Donoudis - Neos Cosmos, Melbourne	South Melbourne, Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Blacktown, Heidelberg	South Melbourne	Wollongong/Melbourne Croatia	Scott Ollerenshaw
Manos Milios - Neos Cosmos, Melbourne	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Apia Leichhardt, St George.	Sydney Croatia	Blacktown/Wollongong	Graham Arnold
Peter Georgiou - Athletic Echo, Melbourne	South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Melbourne Croatia, Adelaide City	South Melbourne	Preston Makedonia/George Cross	Paul Trimball
Jim Bakatsoulas - Athletic Echo, Melbourne	Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia, Heidelberg, Wollongong	Sydney Croatia	Blacktown/Apia Leichhardt	Paul Trimball
Rocky Dizlo - Il Globo, Melbourne	Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia, Preston Makedonia, Melbourne JUST.	Marconi	Heidelberg/St George	Warren Spink
Marcello D'Amico - Il Globo, Melbourne	Marconi, South Melbourne, St George, Adelaide City, Preston Makedonia.	Marconi	George Cross/Blacktown	Paul Trimball
Gilbert Martin - La Fiamma, Melbourne	Preston Makedonia, Marconi, Sydney Croatia, South Melbourne, Adelaide City.	Marconi	Blacktown/George Cross	Steve Maxwell
Zika Nikolic - Novosti, Melbourne	South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Marconi, Melbourne Croatia, Melbourne JUST.	Sydney Olympic	Blacktown/Heidelberg	Robbie Slater
Milan Ninovic - Novosti, Melbourne	Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Preston Makedonia, South Melbourne	Sydney Croatia	Blacktown/Apia Leichhardt	Milan Dimoski
Andrea Branov - Macedonian Weekly, Melbourne	South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Sydney Croatia, Preston Makedonia, Marconi.	Marconi	Heidelberg/Apia Leichhardt	Paul Trimball
Lino Vella - Maltese Herald, Sydney	Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne, Melbourne JUST.	Marconi	Blacktown/Wollongong	Scott Ollerenshaw
Ted Simmons - AAP, Sydney.	Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia, Melbourne JUST, St George.	Sydney Croatia	George Cross/Apia Leichhardt	Paul Trimball



# THEIR PRE-SEASON FORECASTS

even though the Marconi attacking midfielder finished as the second highest scorer in the 1988 season. He is proving them all wrong by being the outright leader at the halfway mark.

But the biggest knowing smile must belong to Frank Arok. 62 per cent of the journalists predicted a straight out "No" about the Socceroos World Cup campaign, explaining that the opposition was too tough, the ASF wouldn't get the overseas based players and that the side lacked the experience of the 1985 squad.

Arok has already passed the stern

tests of Israel and NZ to get to the halfway stage of making the media eat their words and appears to have more tricks up his sleeve for the remainder of the race.

A closer look at the poll shows that not all predictions proved to be wrong.

Every one of the 36 journos named Marconi as a certainty for the Top Five, and the Fairfield club is living up to the confidence shown in it by storming to a commanding lead by the halfway mark.

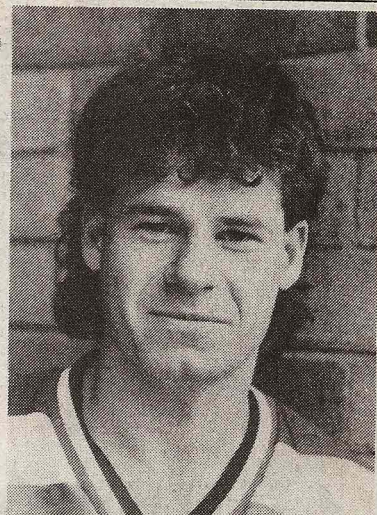
Heidelberg and Blacktown were among the popular choices to struggle

and, sure enough, they are finding life a struggle in the NSL.

What has to be taken into consideration is that the forecasts were made for the whole of the season and most of the pressmen polled will claim they can still be proven right in four months' time.

Interestingly, Sydney Croatia is the warm favorite to take out the honors in the championship play-offs come August.

"Aussie Soccer" will give the media another chance to compare notes then.



**WARREN SPINK...**  
widely tipped to be  
the NSL top scorer

## SOCCKER EXPERTS BEFORE THE SEASON

**Will Australia  
Make It To The  
1990 World Cup Finals**

**Comment**

Yes	Frank Arok's ability to lift players and to counter the oppositions' strengths will see Australia get to Italy in 1990.
No	Many overseas players are unlikely to be released, & Arok has not found an adequate stopper to replace Dunn or McDowall.
No	There may be weaknesses in Preston's defence but the side will score a lot of goals. I believe they will go places this season.
Yes	Olympic will win the NSL because it has a good coach, made very astute signings and has an excellent blend of youth and experience.
No	We won't be able to get all our overseas based players in the crucial stages. Getting one or two back occasionally is not going to work.
No	The ASF has stupidly agreed to a March schedule for our World Cup qualifiers when we won't be able to get our top players.
Yes	Vial is itching for the NSL & will get among the goals going into a finely blended team. He will profit playing alongside Steve Maxwell.
Yes	The stability provided by Arok and the experience gained from the Olympic Games finals will see us through to Italy.
No	The surviving Socceroos from 1986 are a touch on the old side & the incoming younger ones are not as capable.
No	The Socceroos will be forced into too many changes. Even if overseas players are recalled it'll be hard to mould a good side quickly.
No	Youthful inexperience cost South Melb in 88 but rebuilding's been done and the basis is there for a title side in 89 & years to come.
No	The Socceroos' unsettled squad makes even winning the Oceania group difficult. The South American hurdle appears an impossible task.
No	Israel is better prepared this time and Australia's preparation has not been the best. If we get the overseas players we have hope.
Yes	There is a new found spirit and courage among the Socceroos. And Australia has several good young players coming through.
No	Administrative bungling will cost us our place in the World Cup finals. Half the Socceroos will be unavailable for the ties in March.
Yes	Sydney Croatia has the crowd support, financial backing, stability at the club and most of all the team to win the title.
Yes	Israel's disorganised & has as many problems as we have getting players. 'Roos will have phenomenal support against Sth American team.
No	Heidelberg's soft approach to recruiting is a worry especially since coach Jim Tansey admits he needs at least two experienced players.
Yes	Sydney Croatia has a high class squad, a good coach, and has strengthened and stabilised its weak point - midfield.
No	Warren Spink is a classy goal sneak. With the array of talent around him at Preston, he has every reason to score a bagful in 89.
No	South Melbourne will win the NSL because of Brian Garvey's managerial & coaching abilities and the backing he is getting from the club.
Yes	South Melbourne has an exciting young team and I have a lot of faith in Garvey's coaching. This could be their year for the title.
No	The Socceroos have lost too many key players if we can get them back we will have a chance for the finals.
No	Marconi proved the best equipped club in 88. It still has the best quality squad and has a better chance of winning the title in 89.
No	South Melbourne has got the most stable side. Not having new players needing time to settle will allow the team to go one better than 88.
No	I expect Australia to win the Oceania section vs NZ & Israel, but the South American opposition will be too strong for us.
No	South Melbourne is the team to beat. The talented young side has now got an added year's experience and will win the NSL.
No	Australia struggled vs Fiji proving that the younger players still need time to settle. It's too early for them to tackle Israel.
Yes	The combination of the right coach, good players and the great spirit that exists in the Socceroos will get us to Italy in '90.
No	If we could get our top overseas based players for the World Cup, we would not only qualify for Italy and make the quarter finals.
Yes	Australia can make it to the World Cup finals provided it gets the overseas based Socceroos to play in the qualifiers.
No	The rhythm of the Socceroos has gone with the loss of so many players and they face an impossible hurdle in South America.
No	Dimoski scored 7 goals in 88. He has the ability to score a lot more after gaining the confidence from his settling down period.
Yes	Australia has a good young generation of players coming through. Under Frank Arok it has a good chance of getting to Italy.
No	The gradual rebuilding program Marconi undertook a few years back will continue to pay dividends. They will retain the title.
Yes	The South American draw is hard but Australia has a good bunch of youngsters who are learning all the time and can only get better.

## THE END RESULTS ON THE VOTES CAST

### TOP FIVE:

- 37 Marconi
- 36 South Melbourne
- 34 Sydney Croatia
- 21 Sydney Olympic
- 18 Preston Makedonia
- 10 Melbourne JUST
- 5 Adelaide City
- 4 Melbourne Croatia
- 4 St George
- 3 Blacktown
- 3 Heidelberg
- 2 Apia Leichhardt
- 2 Sunshine George Cross
- 1 Wollongong

### CHAMPIONS

- (winners of the Grand Final)
- 14 Sydney Croatia
  - 9 Marconi
  - 7 South Melbourne
  - 5 Sydney Olympic
  - 1 Adelaide City
  - 1 Preston Makedonia.

### RELEGATION

- 16 Sunshine George Cross
- 14 Blacktown
- 13 Wollongong
- 11 Apia Leichhardt
- 11 Heidelberg
- 4 Melbourne JUST
- 2 Melbourne Croatia
- 2 St George
- 1 Preston Makedonia

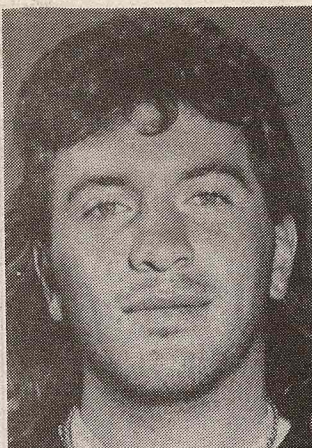
### TOP SCORERS

- 14 Spink
- 10 Trimboli
- 3 Arnold
- 2 Ollerenshaw
- 2 Slater
- 1 Dimoski
- 1 Kosmina
- 1 Latif
- 1 Maxwell
- 1 Mullen
- 1 Vial

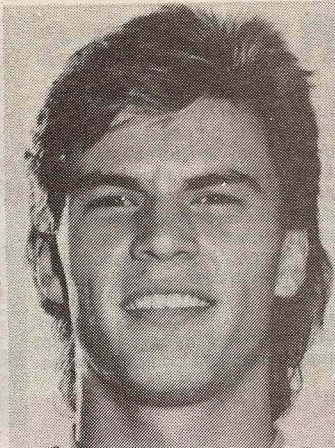
### SOCCKEROOS FOR WORLD CUP

- 23 No
- 14 Yes

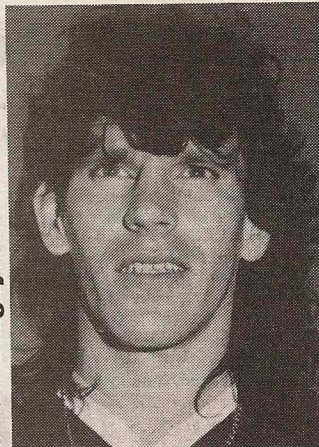




Pedro Ricoy



Milan Blagojevic



Mirko Radosavljevic

# 11 NEWCOMERS AT APIA

APIA LEICHHARDT signed 11 newcomers by the halfway stage of the 1989 National League campaign.

The new look side was part of the changes which swept through all levels of the club starting with the backroom back in November 88. NSL executive member Nick Papallo, took over as president from Joe Prestia

## APIA LEICHHARDT Coach: Mike Urukalo.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Blagojevic Milan	fwd	19.	24.12.69
Brown Mark	def	26.	2.3.63
Brown Rod	fwd	25	27.1.64
Bundalo Alex	mdf	22	18.5.66
Cosentino John	def	18	29.3.71
Ellem Brian	mdf	21	19.6.67
Franze Tony	def	17	4.9.71
Hagan Kevin	fwd	31	11.8.57
Halliday Bruce	def	28	3.1.61
Kosmina John	fwd	32	7.8.56
Mason Craig	mdf	32	23.8.56
Murray Peter	fwd	18	24.8.70
O'Connor Steve	def	34	24.11.54
Pezzano Tony	gk	28	23.10.60
Phillips Hilton	fwd	26	5.1.63
Radosavljevic Mirko	mdf	31	20.3.58
Ricoy Pedro	mdf	22	24.11.66
Stewart Darren	def	22	17.5.66
Webber Jim	def	29	21.8.59

and his new committee decided not to retain coach Rale Rasic.

The coaching position went to Mike Urukalo, Rasic's assistant when Apia won the NSL in 1987.

Urukalo, 36, led Avala to promotion in the NSW first division in 88, losing only one game all season.

The massive recruiting campaign started in December and by the season's kick-off eight new players had been signed.

Apia paid \$20,000 for St George's highly rated midfielder Pedro Ricoy. But Urukalo went largely for experience signing veteran Socceroos John Kosmina from Sydney Olympic and Steve O'Connor from St George on free releases, Craig Mason from Marconi, Kevin Hagan from St George for \$6000 and sweeper Mirko Radosavljevic for \$7000 from Avala. All five are over the 30 mark.

Others to arrive were Brian Ellem from Blacktown, Young Socceroo Peter Murray from Newcastle for \$2500, and defender Jim Webber from the NSW State League. Young

Socceroo striker Milan Blagojevic was signed by round 8 for \$15,000 after a long running tribunal case against Avala.

The departures from last year's squad included Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos who signed a three contract with PAOK in Greece.

Others who left were Jean Paul De Marigny (to Marconi), Arno Bertogna (to Brisbane), Kurt Reynolds (to Blacktown), Terry Greedy (to NSW Div 3 club Central Coast), and Lawrie McKenna (to Blacktown).

Long serving players Terry Butler and Joe Watson were released.

The latest to leave was Burim Zajmi to Sydney Croatia, and his move created the visa vacancy for the club's most recent recruit Bruce Halliday, who played over 200 English league games in stints with Newcastle, Darlington, Bury, Bristol City and Hereford.

The new committee paid off \$130,000 in debts owed to the players but gained an impressive \$100,000 sponsorship from the Bertolli Oil company.

Urukalo's pre-season warning was that anyone writing the club off would be making a fatal mistake and Apia proved the point by climbing to second spot in the league after only five rounds.

However Marconi brought the club down a peg by recording a 5-0 win and a more realistic aim for the club will be to finish in the top five this season.

- H v Wollongong D0-0.
- 5 A v Sydney Olympic W1-0 (Radosavljevic)
- 8 H v Melbourne Croatia L3-4 (Ricoy, Kosmina pen, Hagan).
- 6 A v Melbourne JUST W1-0 (R.Brown).
- 2 H v Heidelberg W3-0 (Kosmina 2, R.Brown).
- 6 A v Marconi L0-5.
- 7 A v Blacktown D1-1 (Hagan).
- 8 H v St George L1-2 (Murray).
- 8 H v Preston Makedonia D1-1 (Ricoy).
- 7 A v Sunshine George Cross W1-0 (R.Brown).
- 5 A v Adelaide City D1-1 (R.Brown).

# S

Adelaide City has made one of the best captures of the season in Milan Ivanovic. Ivanovic toured Australia with Red Star Belgrade in 1985 and was a regular with the Yugoslav first division club up to this season.

His release resulted from the friendship Adelaide coach Zoran Matic established with Drago Sekularac when the legendary figure was in Australia coaching JUST.

The defender only made his NSL debut in round 7 but the delay in his arrival (caused by visa complications) helped create NSL history.

Bugsy Nyskohus had announced his retirement from the NSL in 1988 but agreed on a comeback to fill the defensive gap and played in five successive games to take his NSL appearances to 299 before Ivanovic finally arrived to take over the sweeping duties.

Since no player has ever played 300 NSL games, Adelaide City delayed Nyskohus' landmark appearance for a home game. Matic asked the defender to play out the season but Nyskohus couldn't wait to get the milestone out of the way to concentrate on his new player coaching job at Adelaide City's State League side.

Ivanovic was one of four new close season arrivals at the club. The others were:

\* David Clarkson, former AIS player who was with Brisbane Lions in 88;

\* Dane Sharp, from NSW who returned to Australia after playing at SV Horn in

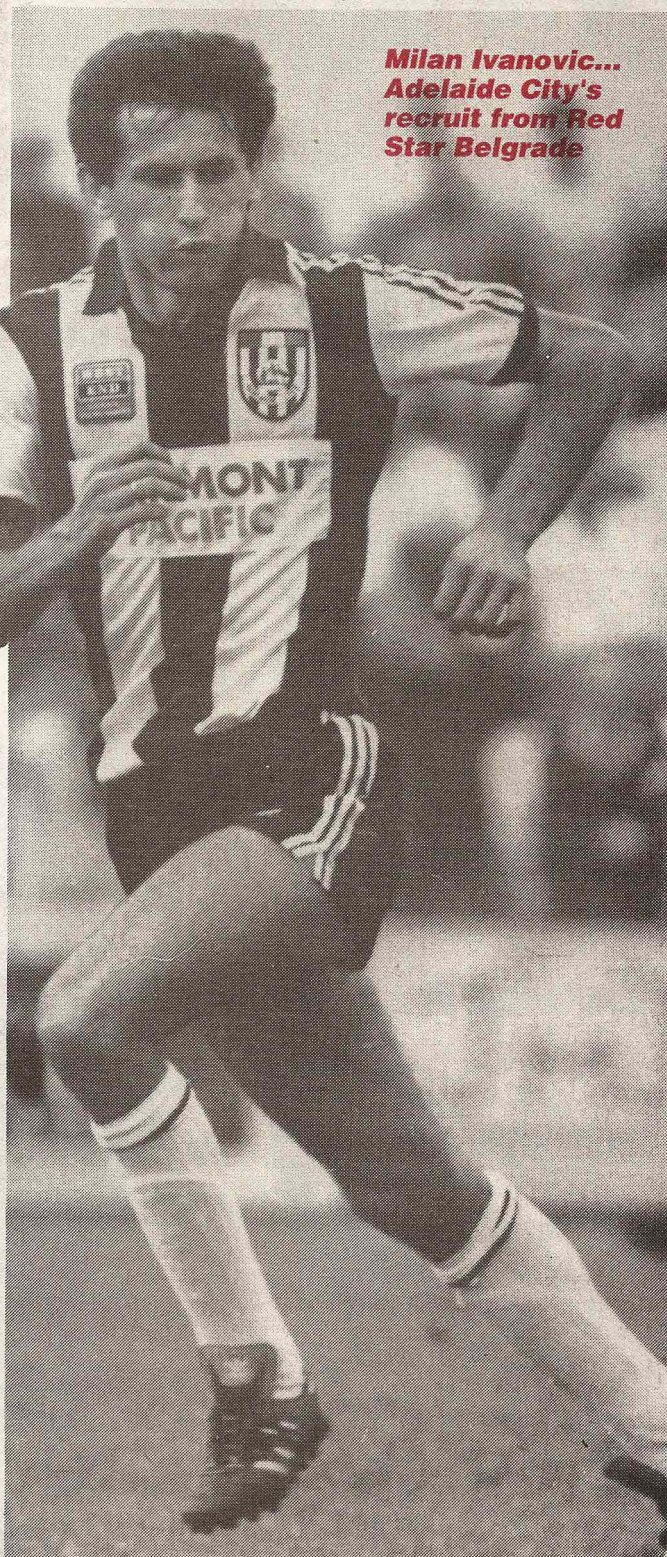


# TAR GIFT

## ADELAIDE CITY Coach: Zoran Matic.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Clarkson David	mdf.	21	1. 2.68
Neville Flounders	def.	31	2. 2.58
Ivanovic Milan	def.	28	21.12.60
Latham Graham	mdf.	21	17. 1.68
Steve Maxwell	fwd.	24	7. 1.65
Sergio Melta	mdf.	30	19. 1.59
Joe Mullen	fwd	25	5. 1.64
Gareth Naven	def.	20	3. 3.69
Brian Northcote	def.	32	11. 8.56
Nyskohus Bugsy	def.	38	18. 6.50
Santrac Adrian	mdf.	30	29. 6.58
Sergiacomi Danny	def.	24	18.10.64
Shillabeer Paul	def.	25	29. 9.63
Talladira Carlo	mdf.	17	23. 6.71
Tobin Alex	def.	23	5. 4.66
Vial Lenny	fwd.	23	5. 6.65
Aurelio Vidmar	fwd.	22	3. 2.67
Vidmar Tony	fwd.	18	4. 7.70
Charlie Villani	mdf.	27	2. 3.62
Robert Zabica	gk.	25	9. 4.64

**Milan Ivanovic...**  
**Adelaide City's**  
**recruit from Red**  
**Star Belgrade**



## ADELAIDE CITY STEADIES AFTER DISASTER START Results.

- A v Blacktown L1-2 (Melta)
- 12 H v St George L0-1
- 14 A v Sydney Croatia L0-2
- 14 H v Preston Makedonia L1-2 (Mullen)
- 13 A v S. George Cross W2-0 (Mullen, Vial)
- 13 H v South Melbourne D2-2 (Flounders, Melta)
- 13 H v Marconi L2-3 (Mullen, Maxwell)
- 12 A v Wollongong W1-0 (Maxwell)
- 12 H v Sydney Olympic D0-0
- 11 A v Melbourne Croatia D0-0
- 11 H v Melbourne JUST W1-0 (Mullen).
- 11 A v Heidelberg Alexander L0-2.
- 11 H v Apia Leichhardt D1-1 (Maxwell).

the Austria's second division;  
\* Len Vial, an \$8000 buy  
from NSW State League  
club Melita Eagles.

But Sharp and Vial only  
lasted a short time at the  
club. Sharp moved on to  
Adelaide Croatia, while Vial  
went back to Sydney after  
failing to win a regular place  
in the team.

Apart from the arrivals,  
Matic promoted youngsters  
Carlo Talladira and Tony  
Vidmar (the younger brother  
of Adelaide City regular  
Aurelio).

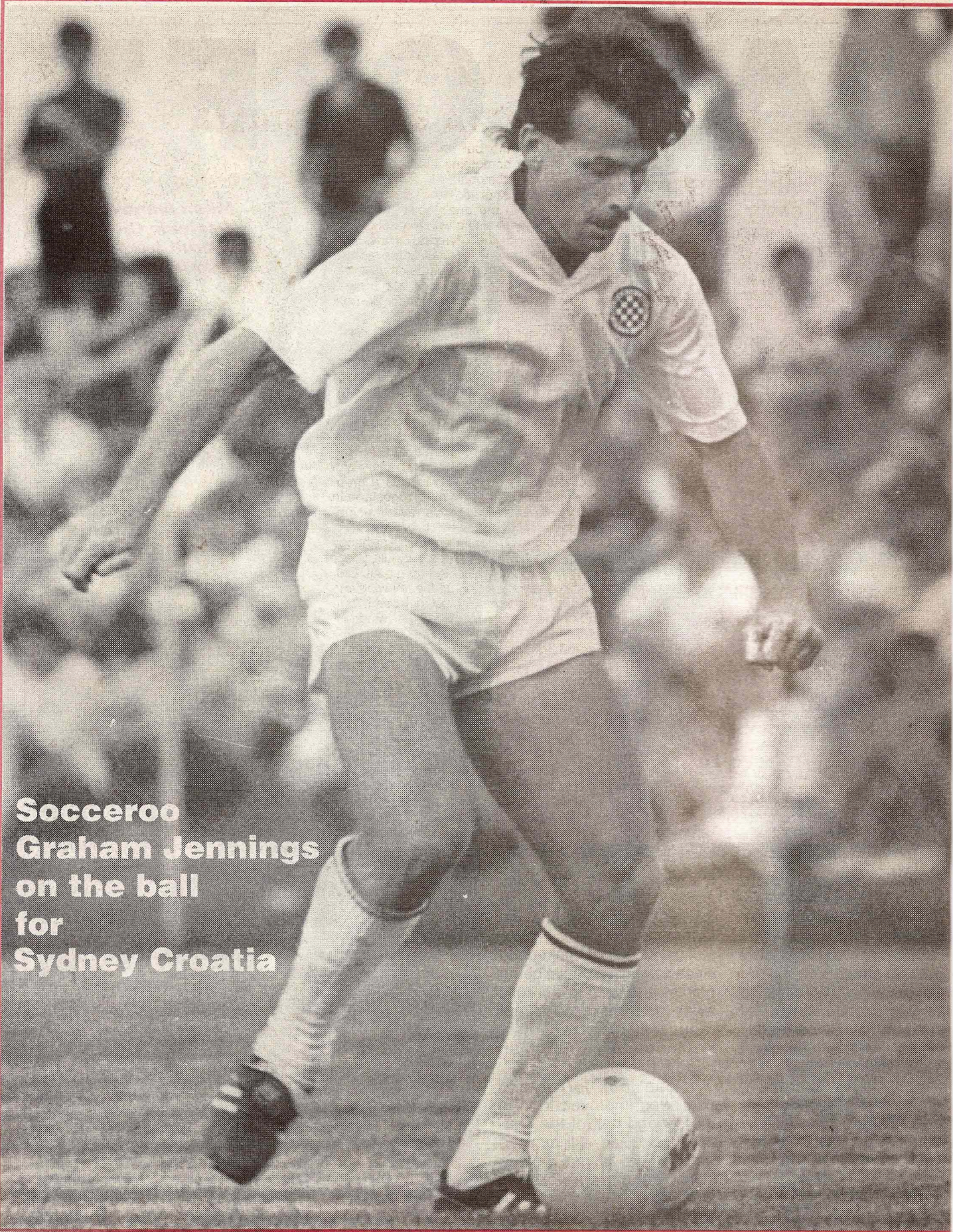
Neither youngster got a

chance after Adelaide City  
made a nightmare start to  
the season by losing its first  
four matches.

The side has picked up  
since taking valuable home  
points, and putting up solid  
away performances to get  
results at George Cross,  
Wollongong, and Mel-  
bourne Croatia.

It can look forward to  
continued improved form in  
the second half of the sea-  
son and could still achieve  
Matic's aim of making the  
Top Five Championship  
play-offs.





**Socceroo  
Graham Jennings  
on the ball  
for  
Sydney Croatia**



# GRAHAM JENNINGS

## SYDNEY CROATIA & AUSTRALIA

**CLOSE  
UP**

**Full name:** Graham Mark Jennings.

**Birthdate:** January 18th, 1960 in Newcastle (Northern NSW).

**Height:** 179 cm (5ft 10ins).

**Weight:** 76 kgs (12 st).

**Status:** I'm married to Louise and have two kids, Elise (2 years 9 months) and Stuart (1 year).

**Car:** Ford Meteor wagon. I'm doing a lot of driving nowadays because I've bought a house and resettled in Newcastle. It's a two hour trip to training and I'm doing it four times a week. I share the driving with (Sydney Croatia teammate) Mark Jones, who also lives in Newcastle.

**Occupation:** Since I started with the Socceroos in 1983, it has been hard to hold down a permanent job. The longest one was as a legal searcher. At present I am a full time semi-professional footballer.

**Nickname:** Flash. Reporter John Economos handed me that one when I joined Sydney Olympic in 1979.

**Club career:** I played for Hamilton Azzurri and Adamstown in the juniors. I got promoted to Adamstown's senior team in 1976 and played for the club in the Northern NSW first division for two years before transferring to Sydney Olympic in 1979. I moved to Sydney Croatia in 86.

**Favorite players:** Peter Raskopoulos because of his natural playing ability. I don't have a favorite overseas player because I don't follow the international scene anymore. Since I've been in the Socceroos, I've grown out of looking up to big name players.

**Favorite teams:** I like watching Marconi and Adelaide City because of the way they play.

**Favorite away ground in Australia:** I like playing at Marconi because it is a nice big pitch yet has a nice soccer atmosphere.

**Favorite ground at which you have played:** I thought Udinese was a really beautiful ground when we played there in 1984. I would also have included Hampden Park in Scotland but the result didn't go our way (LO-2 in 1985 in the World Cup play-off) so it's not really a favorite. The main stadium in Seoul also was a great ground to play on during the President's Cup in 1987.

**Best Goal scored:** I don't get that many so I savor every one. I scored my first goal for Sydney Croatia last year in a 4-2 win over Apia and it was a big thrill. The TV cameras

were at the game but unfortunately they were replaying something else at the time and they missed the goal.

**Best goal seen scored:** I don't think I'll ever see another like the one goalkeeper Mike Gibson scored at training with the Socceroos while we were at the Olympics. It was in a seven-a-side game, the ball came across and he hit a volley from 35 yards on an angle which just flew into the net. He almost earned a place in the forward line for the next game on the strength of that.

**Most difficult opponent:** Most direct opponents at international level are hard customers. You have to be so wary of them throughout the 90 minutes. But there isn't anyone who sticks out as a player who skinned me a number of times.

**Most memorable match:** All matches for Australia are memorable but the away game against Israel in 1985 stands out. All the odds were stacked against us over there and to come away with a 2-1 win was a great achievement. The 1-0 win over Yugoslavia in the Olympic Games also was a very memorable game.

**Own magic moment in soccer:** I'm happy in most matches when I keep my direct opponent goalless or when I set up a goal. One that sticks out was going up the left wing and providing the cross for John Kosmina to head in one of the goals in that 2-1 win in Israel.

**Biggest influence on career:** My parents played an important role early in my career. Tommy Docherty also was a big influence because he changed my attitude to the game and taught me to enjoy it a lot more. He converted me from a winger to a fullback. It was only after that switch that I came into the reckoning at international level.

**Most embarrassing moment:** In the opening round of the 1983 season, West Adelaide defeated us (Sydney Olympic) 1-0 with a shot from Graham Heys. I dived in to block the shot but the ball deflected off me into the net. It was my first ever game as a left back so it was not the best way to start my switch to a defender.

**Miscellaneous dislikes:** I've grown to hate flying. I didn't mind it when I first started off with the Socceroos, but the older I get, the more I feel one's got to lose when one gets into a plane.

**Favorite other sports:** I enjoy athletics and basketball.

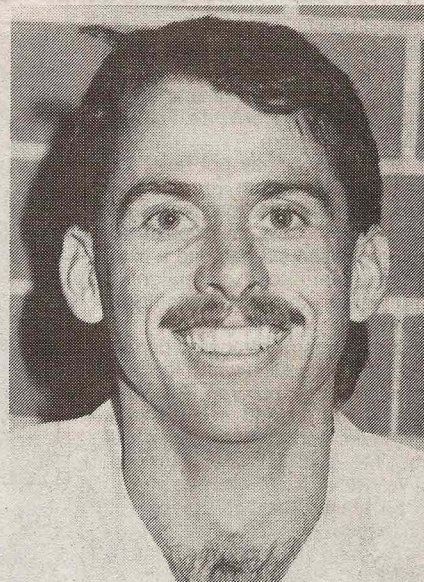
**Favorite TV:** I find watching TV a great way of relaxing. I tend toward most sporting programs.

**TV shows you always switch off:** I catch a bit of daytime TV because I'm home during the day. But the midday soaps are one sure way of making me turn the box off.

**Favorite reading:** I read a fair bit. I'm into history books but I also like fiction and enjoy reading Robert Ludlum.

**Favorite music:** I'm a fan of the Beatles but I like most music.

**Favorite actors/actresses:** Michael Caine, Clint Eastwood and Cher.



**Graham Jennings**

**Best film seen recently:** Three Men and a Baby. I could relate to it a lot being a parent of two young ones.

**Favorite food & drink:** I love pasta, and eat lots of vegetables and fruit. A lot of people are going to be reading this so I'll say my favorite drink is water.

**Best Friend:** I've got a lot of good friends. My best mate is David Sweeney, who was bestman at my wedding. We've known each other since kindergarten and we played junior soccer together.

**What don't you like about soccer:** The standard of some of the NSL pitches we play on. Some of the grounds we have played on have been no better than paddocks.

**Superstitions:** I always put on my left boot first.

**Soccer ambitions:** The aim is to get to a World Cup finals. I would like to win an NSL championship with Sydney Croatia after missing out in the grand final last year.

**Career after playing:** I would love to tackle coaching eventually. Away from the game, I hope to start a business; the aim is to be happy in whatever I do.

**Player to watch out:** I liked what I saw of Paul Trimboli on TV and in NSL games against him, but I'm really impressed now that I have seen him at closer range in the Socceroo squad.

**The Person you would most like to meet:** Paul McCartney. He is a living legend who has influenced today's thinking through his music.

**Advice to youngsters:** Enjoy the game. There is a tendency to push young kids too hard nowadays. It is surprising how much better you can play when you are relaxed on the ball.



# WOLLONGONG

**Strong defence to keep Wolves away from "cellar" door**

WOLLONGONG and Sunshine George Cross are the two clubs which every year thrive on defying the experts by steering clear of the relegation zone despite fielding sides without stars.

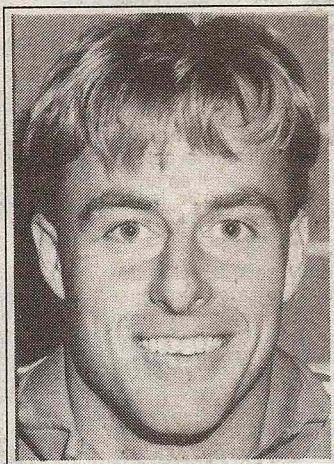
Wollongong may not have the Alan Brazils, Trevor Francis and Paul Mariners this year but coach John Fleming has still moulded a well organised side around a cluster of experienced campaigners and some innovative positional changes.

Wollongong's strongest department is the backline which features former Young Socceroo Ray Vlietstra, the tried and trusted Jock Morlando, and former Wolves full-back Mike Hollifield playing in front of Warwick Young, who has proved to be among the best keepers in the league.

Fleming has built on that by switching Peter Kotamanidis, to the other fullback position.

Kotamanidis had played most of his 90 NSL games in midfield and attack but has adapted to the new position comfortably.

The switch allowed Fleming to move David Skeen to a defensive midfield position, which has also worked well for the team.



**Ray Vlietstra**

Wollongong has also managed to hang on to the services of midfielder Danny Crainie, who is proving the side's best player after accepting added responsibility in a wide midfield role.

And up front, striker Randle Easthorpe has come out from the shadows of the more illustrious guest names previously used by the club to lead the attack with verve and has showed enough progress to earn a call-up in the Socceroo training squad.

With no money to buy players, Fleming has had to look to youth to round off the side, and has unearthed excellent prospects in midfielder Mineo Bonetig and John Danzo.

Fleming admitted that the defensive stance may not be pleasing to watch but warned supporters to expect more of the same.

And that will be especially more so in the second half of the season since team morale took a battering after three successive defeats which including a 0-6 walloping by Marconi.

## WOLLONGONG

**Coach: John Fleming.**

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Batten David	fwd	24	23.6.64
Bonetig Mineo.	mdf	19	20.2.70
Brodnik Pat	fwd	22	20.10.66
Brown John	fwd	20	25.5.68
Cokely Bryan	mdf	25	26.11.63
Crainie Danny	mdf	26	24.5.62
Danzo John.	fwd	18	10.8.70
Easthorpe Randle.	fwd	22	9.8.66
Giraldi Robert.	mdf	27	14.3.61
Higgs Jason.	def	18	23.3.70
Hollifield Mike.	def	27	2.5.61
Kotamanidis Peter.	def	24	18.11.64
Morlando Jock.	def	27	5.8.61
Skeen David	mdf	27	13.1.62
Stefanovski Rade	mdf	30	1.9.58
Vlietstra Ray	def	25	11.2.64
Young Warwick	gk	29	8.12.59

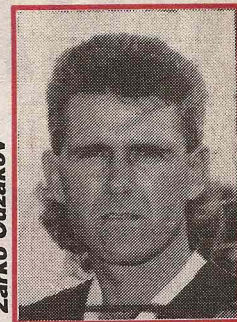
## Results — 1989

Opponent	Results	Scorers.
- A v Apia Leichhardt	D0-0	
2 H v Blacktown	W4-1	(Crainie, Denyer og, Easthorpe, Brodnik).
7 A v St George	L0-2	
5 H v Sydney Croatia	W1-0	(Easthorpe).
8 A v Preston Makedonia	L0-1	
8 H v Sun. George Cross	D0-0	
6 A v South Melbourne	W2-0	(Easthorpe, Skeen).
5 H v Adelaide City	L0-1	
9 H v Marconi	L0-6	
9 A v Sydney Olympic	L1-3	(Morlando).
8 H v Melbourne Croatia	W2-0	(Crainie, Danzo).

**Tomislav Divljak**



**Zarko Odzakovic**



**Blacktown is back**

# HERE

Blacktown marked its return to the NSL after a two year absence by snapping up several players with a Young Socceroo background.

But coach Les Scheinflug was still forced to go for experience after Blacktown took a buffet of 12 goals in three successive defeats early in the season. The side steadied to win against Mel-

bourne JUST and Heidelberg then continued to snatch points to keep abreast of the relegation zone by the halfway mark.

Scheinflug has stated he wants to ensure the club's re-appearance in the NSL is not a brief one season affair so that he will be able to utilise the enormous amount of talent of the Young Socceroos at his disposal in future seasons.

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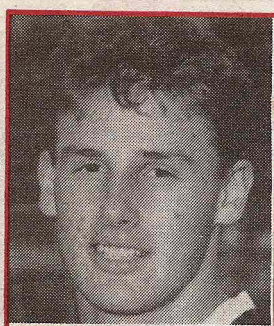




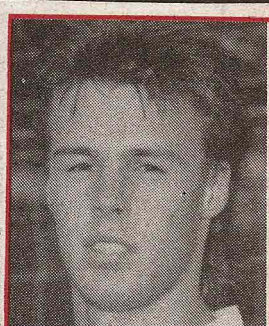
John Gibson



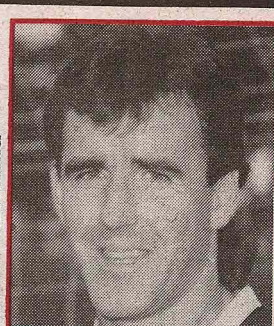
Domenic Longo



Kurt Reynolds



Lawrie McKenna



for a third shot at the NSL and this time it is

# TO STAY

The club's major buy pre-season was former Young Socceroos skipper Kurt Reynolds for \$19,000 from Apia. Reynolds left Blacktown for Apia in 88 for \$14,000.

From the present Young Socceroo squad, the club snapped up Domenic Longo but the central defender has been ruled out for most of the season with an injury sustained playing for the Australian youth team. Two other Young Socceroos, forwards John Gibson and Stefan Jee, joined the club as free agents from the institute of sport.

They joined Young Socceroo teammates Peter Bennett and Paul Welch, who are products of Blacktown's junior set-up.

Other former Young Socceroos already at the club are Darren Northam and Jason Van Blerk from the 1987 World Youth Championship campaign.

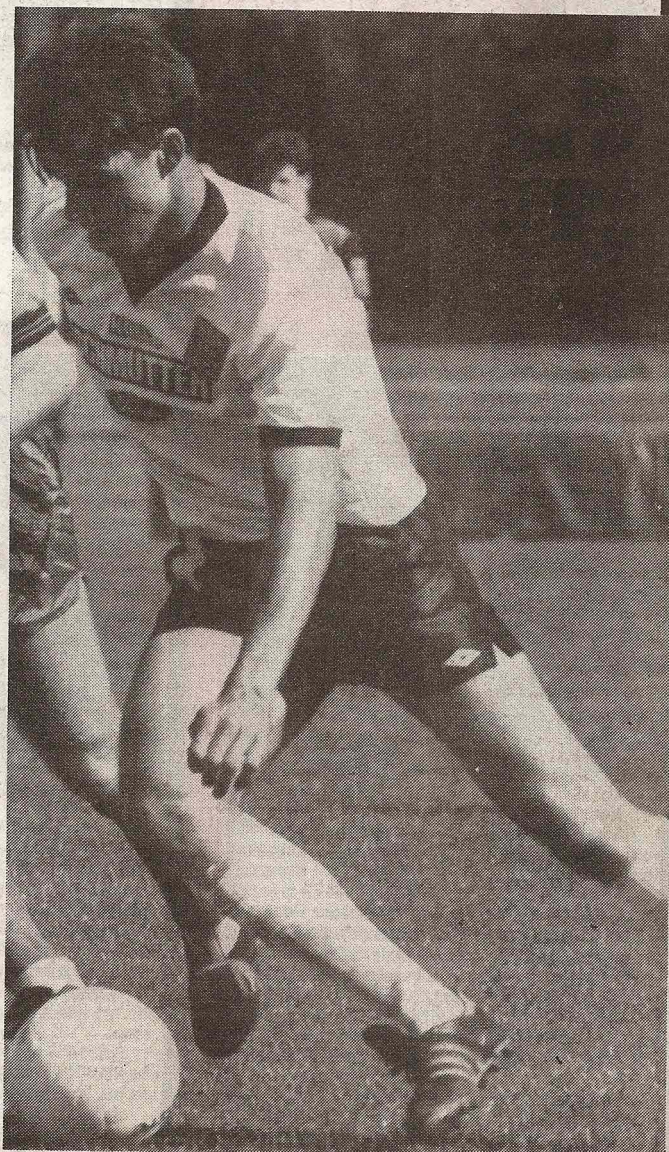
Blacktown's other close season signings were striker Lawrie McKenna, from Apia for around \$6000, and midfielder Tom Divljak, who joined on a free release from NSW Div 2 club Yugal. Scheinflug also snapped up Billy Wright but the NZ international only lasted two brief substitute appearances before being offloaded to Victorian State League club Morwell Falcons for \$850.

Blacktown's promotion also signaled the NSL return of former senior Socceroo Zarko Odzakov after a season in the NSW State League.

Off the field Blacktown is planning extensive improvements to its Gabbie Stadium, including the building of a grandstand and the installation of floodlights this season.

## BLACKTOWN Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Arambasic Zlatko	fwd	19	20.9.69
Bennett Peter	def	19	27.10.69
Cavanah John	mdf	27	4.8.61
Divljak Tom	mdf	28	2.1.61
Denyer Peter	fwd	31	26.11.57
Gibson John	fwd	19	10.2.70
Jee Stephane	fwd	18	30.4.71
Londos Bill	gk	24	4.12.64
Longo Domenic	def	18	23.8.70
Maler Ralph	mdf	24	5.5.64
McKenna Lawrie	fwd	27	8.7.61
Naumov Bobby	def	24	14.6.64
Northam Darren	def	21	21.11.67
Odzakov Zarko	mdf	33	11.11.55
Reynolds Kurt	def	21	29.9.67
Sterrey Glen	def	29	11.5.59
Sterrey Lee	mdf	28	1.5.61
Van Blerk Jason	def	21	16.3.68
Watson Steve	kpr	32	21.5.56
Welch Paul	fwd	19	31.1.70



Jason Van Blerk

### Results — 1989

Opponent	Result	Scorers.
H v Adelaide City	W2-1	(Van Blerk, McKenna).
10 A v Wollongong	L1-4	(Denyer).
12 H v Sydney Olympic	L0-2	
13 A v Melbourne Croatia	L0-6	
11 H v Melbourne JUST	W3-1	(McKenna, G.Sterrey, Odzakov).
9 A v Heidelberg	W2-1	(Naumov, Van Blerk).
9 H v Apia Leichhardt	D1-1	(Arambasic).
11 A v Marconi	L1-4	(Jee).
12 A v Preston Makedonia	D1-1	(Arambasic).
13 A v South Melbourne	D1-1	(Arambasic).



# THE NSL LINE- UP

An easy-to-follow series to help supporters identify players better with a quick rundown on career background and accurate appearance records in the National Soccer League. Watch out for a different team of 11 players every month.



**KEN MURPHY**  
Melbourne JUST

Scottish born left sided midfielder-cum-winger who was on the books of Dundee United before being brought to Australia by Melbourne Croatia (then Essendon Lions) in August 1976. Helped the club to two State League championships (in 78 and 79) as he totted up 135 State League games in six years of service. Rale Rasic signed him up for South Melbourne in a transfer worth \$20,000 in December 82. Murphy represented Victoria four times (in 82-83) before graduating to the Socceroos for the series against England in July 83. He went on to represent Australia 43 times, including the 85 World Cup campaign. Played 96 NSL games for South including 30 in the 84 championship season. Missed most of 1986 through a leg injury and was allowed to transfer for \$8000 to Footscray in 1987.

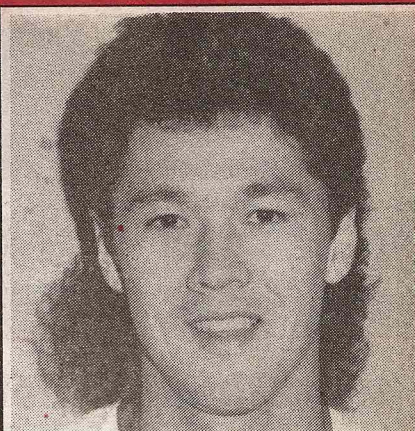
Born: 19 June 1956  
NSL debut: Marconi 1 South Melbourne 1, 13-3-83.  
NSL career details:  
South Melbourne: 1983: 30 apps. 2 gls.  
1984: 30 apps. 3 gls. 1985: 21 apps. 2 gls.  
1986: 10 apps + 1 sub. 1 gl. 1987: 1 app + 3 sub.  
Footscray: 1987: 15 apps. 1988: 24 apps. 2 gls.



**DANNY CRAINIE**  
Wollongong.

Midfielder with a flair for goals, playing for Wollongong on a non-contract basis after placing a transfer request pre-season. Was Wollongong's first signing for the club's return to the NSL last year. Was a \$12500 buy from South Melbourne, the club which brought him to Australia from UK soccer. Scored 7 goals in 24 games for Celtic in the Scottish Premier League, then spent 2 seasons with Wolves in the English 2nd division (41 games, 3 gls). Also played 6 games on loan with Blackpool.

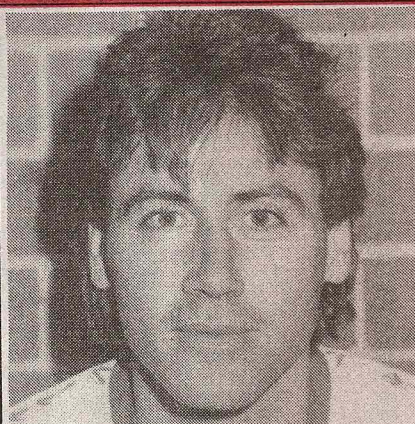
Born: 24 May 1962.  
NSL debut: Adelaide City 1 South Melbourne 0, 4-5-86.  
NSL career details:  
South Melbourne  
1986: 15 apps + 1 sub. 6 gls.  
1987: 22 apps + 1 sub. 4 gls.  
Wollongong  
1988: 28 apps. 4 gls.



**ALAN DAVIDSON**  
Melbourne Croatia.

Has totted up over 70 games for Australia as a Socceroo regular for nine years either in midfield or fullback. Reversed his decision to retire from international soccer last year. An Altona City junior who broke into the club's State League side as a 16 year old in 1977. Joined South Melbourne in 1979 for \$1000 giving the club 6 years' service (including the 1984 NSL championship winning side) before moving to Nottingham Forest for \$30,000. Returned to South after 1 season then switched to Melbourne Croatia for \$22,000 in 1987. Played 10 matches for the Young Socceroos in the 1979 qualifying campaign then moved up to the senior Socceroos in 1980 as a substitute against Czechoslovakia.

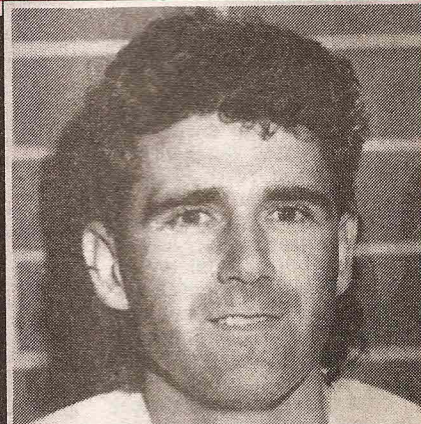
Born: Melbourne, 1 June 1960.  
NSL debut: Newcastle 1 South Melbourne 2 (as sub), 11-3-79.  
NSL career details:  
South Melbourne 1979: 19 apps + 2 sub. 2 gls.  
1980: 17 apps. 1981: 24 apps. 1 gl. 1982: 22 apps. 3 gls.  
1983: 29 apps. 1984: 29 apps. 4 gls. 1986: 13 apps. 3 gls.  
Melbourne Croatia  
1987: 20 apps + 1 sub. 1988: 20 apps.



**STEVE O'CONNOR**  
Apia Leichhardt.

Centreback who joined Apia as a free agent from St George at the start of the season. Played in midfield in his junior days with Bankstown then switched to the defence soon after joining Sydney City in 1972. In 15 years of service at the club, he was a member of Sydney City's NSL championship winning sides in 1977, 80, 81, and 82 as well as winning the NSL Cup in 86. He moved to St George when Sydney City was disbanded in 87. At international level, he was at the heart of the Socceroo defence for the 85 World Cup campaign. Played 44 times for Australia (15 full internationals). A member of the NSL 200 club since 85. Off the field he is a teacher.

Born: 24 November 1954.  
NSL debut: Fitzroy 1 Eastern Suburbs (Sydney City) 3, 2-4-77.  
NSL career details:  
Sydney City: 1977: 17 apps + 3 sub. 1 gl. 1978: 25 apps. 1 gl.  
1979: 24 apps. 1980: 21 apps. 1981: 27 apps. 1 gl.  
1982: 23 apps. 1983: 28 apps. 1 gl.  
1984: 16 apps + 1 sub. 5 gls. 1985: 21 apps. 1 gl.  
1986: 19 apps. 1 gl.  
St George: 1987: 21 apps. 1988: 21 apps + 1 sub.

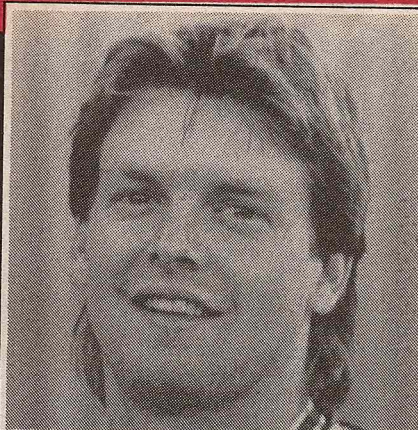


**ZARKO ODZAKOV**  
Blacktown.

Has returned to the NSL after a year's absence. Rated among Australia's most skilful players with the added capacity of scoring goals from midfield. Played in Yugoslavia's Div 1 with Vardar Skopje before coming to Preston Makedonia in 1983. Voted Victoria's best NSL player in his 1st season but it wasn't until he moved to Sydney Croatia in a \$21,000 transfer in 1985 that he got selected in the Socceroo side. Played for Australia at fullback as well as in midfield. His 21 internationals included a hat-trick, v Taiwan W8-0, in the 85 World Cup qualifiers. Was troubled by a knee injury in 87 but recovered to help Sydney Croatia to win the NSL Cup.

Born: 11 November 1955.  
NSL debut: Footscray 1 Preston Makedonia 4, 13-3-83.  
NSL career details:  
Preston Makedonia.  
1983: 30 apps. 5 gls. 1984: 21 apps + 3 sub. 5 gls.  
Sydney Croatia.  
1985: 23 apps. 4 gls. 1986: 23 apps. 7 gls.  
1987: 21 apps. 6 gls.





**STEVE JACKSON**  
Preston Makedonia

Established as one of the best sweepers in the NSL. Starting his third season at Preston after a \$10,000 transfer in 1987. A product of Brisbane Lions' juniors, he represented Queensland at youth level then broke into Lions' NSL team at fullback in 1984. In his 1st NSL season was an everpresent in the league, broke into the senior state side and was voted Qld's player of the year. Switched to sweeper in 86 and scored his first NSL goal in a 1-1 home draw with South Melbourne.

Born: 2 August 1964.

NSL debut: Brisbane City 0 Brisbane Lions 1, 4-3-84.

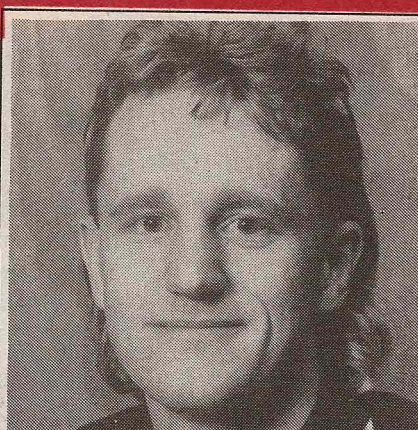
NSL career details:

Brisbane Lions 1984: 29 apps.

1985: 17 apps + 2 sub. 1986: 19 apps. 1 gl.

Preston Makedonia

1987: 23 apps. 2 gls. 1988: 20 apps.



**SEAN KEOGH**  
Sunshine George Cross.

Goalkeeper, voted the club's player of 1988 after an outstanding season in which he saved numerous penalties. Broke into senior soccer with Doveton playing 39 games in the Victorian State League in 82-83. Transferred to Brunswick Juventus in 1984 only to be displaced as first choice keeper by Yaka Banovic midway through the season. Stuck with the club playing one game in Juve's NSL championship winning season before switching to George Cross for \$5000 in 1986. Took over the number one spot from Lou Kastner halfway through the 86 season and has been a fixture in the side since. Kept seven clean sheets last season.

Born: 20 June 1961.

NSL debut: Brunswick Juventus 2

Melbourne Croatia 1, 4-3-84.

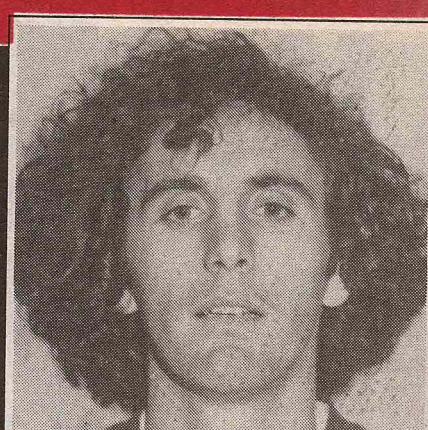
NSL career details:

Brunswick Juventus

1984: 17 apps. 1985: 1 app.

Sunshine George Cross 1986: 15 apps. 1987: 24 apps.

1988: 26 apps.



**SERGIO MELTA**  
Adelaide City.

Midfielder. A member of the unique band of players who have played in every one of the 13 seasons of the NSL with the same club. Played junior soccer with Birkalla then joined Adelaide City in 1975 making his senior debut the same season. Member of Adelaide City's NSL Cup winning side in 1979 (v St George W3-2). Voted Australia's player of the year in 1984. Toured India with the South Australian state side in 1985. Everpresent in Adelaide City's NSL championship winning season in 1986. Picked for the Socceroos in 86 playing four matches including one against Canton on the tour of China. Converted the highest number of penalties in the 1988 NSL scoring six goals from the spot. A hairdresser by trade.

Born: 19 January 1959

NSL debut: Adelaide City 0 Brisbane Lions 0, 2-4-77.

NSL career details: Adelaide City 1977: 20 apps

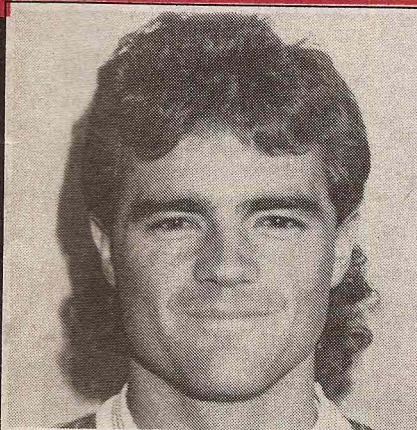
+ 2 sub. 1 goal. 1978: 6 apps + 2 sub. 1 gl. 1979: 4 apps

+ 3 sub. 1980: 21 apps + 3 sub. 2 gls. 1981: 26 app

+ 3 sub. 5 gls. 1982: 29 apps. 5 gls. 1983: 29 apps.

4 gls. 1984: 27 apps. 5 gls. 1985: 17 apps. 2 gls. 1986:

27 apps. 8 gls. 1987: 23 apps. 3 gls. 1988: 25 apps. 9 gls.



**GARY PHILLIPS**  
Sydney Olympic.

Hard working fullback or midfielder who has given Olympic tremendous return for the \$500 transfer fee it paid to Coffs Harbour for his transfer in 1982. Prior to joining the club, Phillips played for Northern NSW at junior level then broke into Coffs Harbour's senior side at 15. Helped Olympic win the NSL Cup in 1983. Was a member of the 84 squad which won the NSL Northern Division grand final. Missed half of 1985 with a back injury. Hit his best ever scoring spell in the 86 NSL championship play-offs scoring goals for three successive weeks before Olympic was toppled in the grand final by Adelaide City. A keen surfer who competes in pro events during the soccer close season.

Born: 9 June 1963

NSL debut: Sydney Olympic 1 Sydney City 2, 7-3-82

NSL career details:

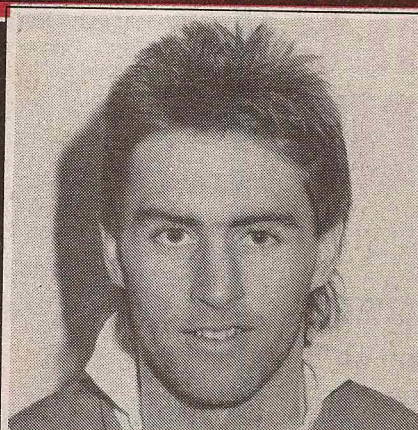
Sydney Olympic. 1982: 18 apps + 1 sub. 1 gl.

1983: 28 apps. 2 gls. 1984: 25 apps + 4 sub. 1 gl.

1985: 13 apps. 1 gl. 1986: 28 apps. 5 gls.

1987: 15 apps + 1 sub. 3 gls.

1988: 24 apps. 1 gl.



**PAUL WADE**  
South Melbourne

The 1988 Rothmans Medal winner renewed his contract with South with a minimum of fuss after rejecting offers to trial in Belgium during the close season. The Socceroos' midfield dynamo came to Australia as an 11 year old from England. Played for Doveton and Dandenong City in his junior days before progressing to senior soccer with Prahran Slavia in the Victorian State League. Moved to Croydon in 1980 and was twice voted the club's player of the year. Stepped up to the NSL in 84 with a \$3000 move to Green Gully and was voted the NSL player of the year by the Soccer Action newspaper. Transferred to Brunswick Juventus for \$5000 in 1985 and helped the club to the NSL title the same year. Joined South in 1987 for \$8000. Picked for the Socceroos for the Czechoslovakia series in 86 and has since become an established regular. Played his 44th Socceroo game against Israel in Sydney.

Born: 20 March 1962 in Barnsley England.

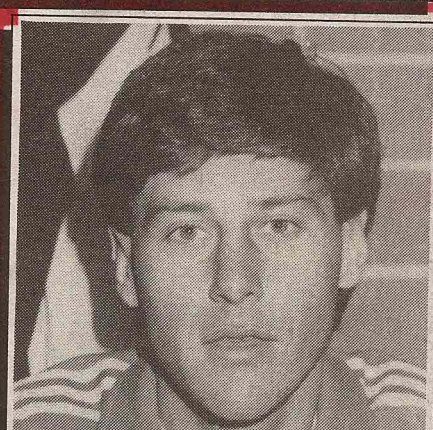
NSL debut: Sunshine George Cross 0 Green Gully 0, 4-3-84.

NSL career details: Green Gully. 1984: 28 apps. 4 gls.

Brunswick Juventus. 1985: 26 apps + 1 sub. 4 gls.

1986: 22 apps. 7 gls.

South Melbourne. 1987: 24 apps. 8 gls. 1988: 22 apps. 2 gls.



**ROBERT WHEATLEY**  
Marconi

A prominent member of Marconi's 88 championship winning side, who has now switched from fullback to his best role as sweeper following Tony Henderson's retirement. Played junior soccer at Kuringai, representing NSW at youth level then getting selected for the Young Socceroos in the 1981 World Youth Championship. After 17 games for the Young Roos, was selected for the senior Socceroos in 1981 6 times (4 full internationals). Made his NSL debut with Blacktown in 1981 and stayed with the club helping it to regain NSL status in 84. In 1983 he was voted NSW Under 21 player of the year. In 86 was recalled into the senior Winfield Socceroo squad and added three more appearances in the green and gold. Marconi paid \$25,000 for his transfer from Blacktown in 86.

Born: 17 May 1962

NSL debut: Blacktown 2 Brisbane Lions 2, 15-2-81.

NSL career details:

Blacktown. 1981: 21 apps + 3 sub. 1984: 26 apps.

1985: 13 apps. 2 gls.

Marconi. 1986: 23 apps. 1987: 23 apps + 1 sub. 1 gl.

1988: 26 apps + 2 sub. 2 gls.



NEW NAME, NEW OWNERS, NEW FACILITIES, BUT IT'S STILL THE SAME OLD

# JUST BLUES

There may be a new name but Melbourne JUST finds itself in familiar territory facing a battle to avoid relegation at the halfway mark of the 1989 NSL season.

The club under its old name Footscray was a founder member of the NSL, but finished in the top half only once (second in 1986) in the league's 12 year history - and was a wooden spoonist in 85.

The name change in the close season came after the members sold the club to private owners.

Socceroo Oscar Crino, who has been with the club for two years, was one of the five new owner directors. The new owners

**Mehmet Durakovic signed by Melbourne JUST for \$6000 on a year's loan from Brunswick Juventus.**



ers paid off \$300,000 in debts inherited from the old club and promised to keep the blue, white and red colors. They also gave a massive facelift to the club's ground at Schintler Reserve.

The improvements included a spacious modern social club, a new stand and the re-laying of the pitch to turn it into one of the best in the country.

But on the playing side,

the new owners ran into problems.

Newly appointed coach Ilija Dimoski did not arrive until a week before the start of the NSL campaign. Dimoski came here with a big reputation after coaching Vardar and Napredak in the Yugoslav first division, but he lasted only eight rounds as the club lost five matches and plummeted to second last spot.

Along with the coach, the club dispensed of midfielder Vlade Torteovski, (a \$7000 close season signing St George).

The coach's son Milan, the club's striker, lasted a further two games before being transfer listed.

The man charged with the JUST rescue mission is John Margaritis, who also has one of the best coaching records in the NSL.

The struggle is surprising considering the squad - already featuring two Socceroos and several experienced campaigners - was strengthened with striker Joe Palatsides and utility Mehmet Durakovic from Brunswick Juventus.

The duo are on loan for a year at \$6000 apiece. Margaritis went about tightening up the defence in his first few weeks.

Once the backline stops leaking goals, he believes the confidence will return for the players not only to play the skilful type of soccer JUST has been renowned for but also to lift the club well above the relegation zone in the second half of the season.

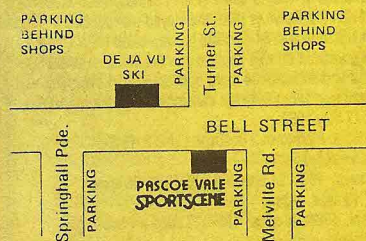
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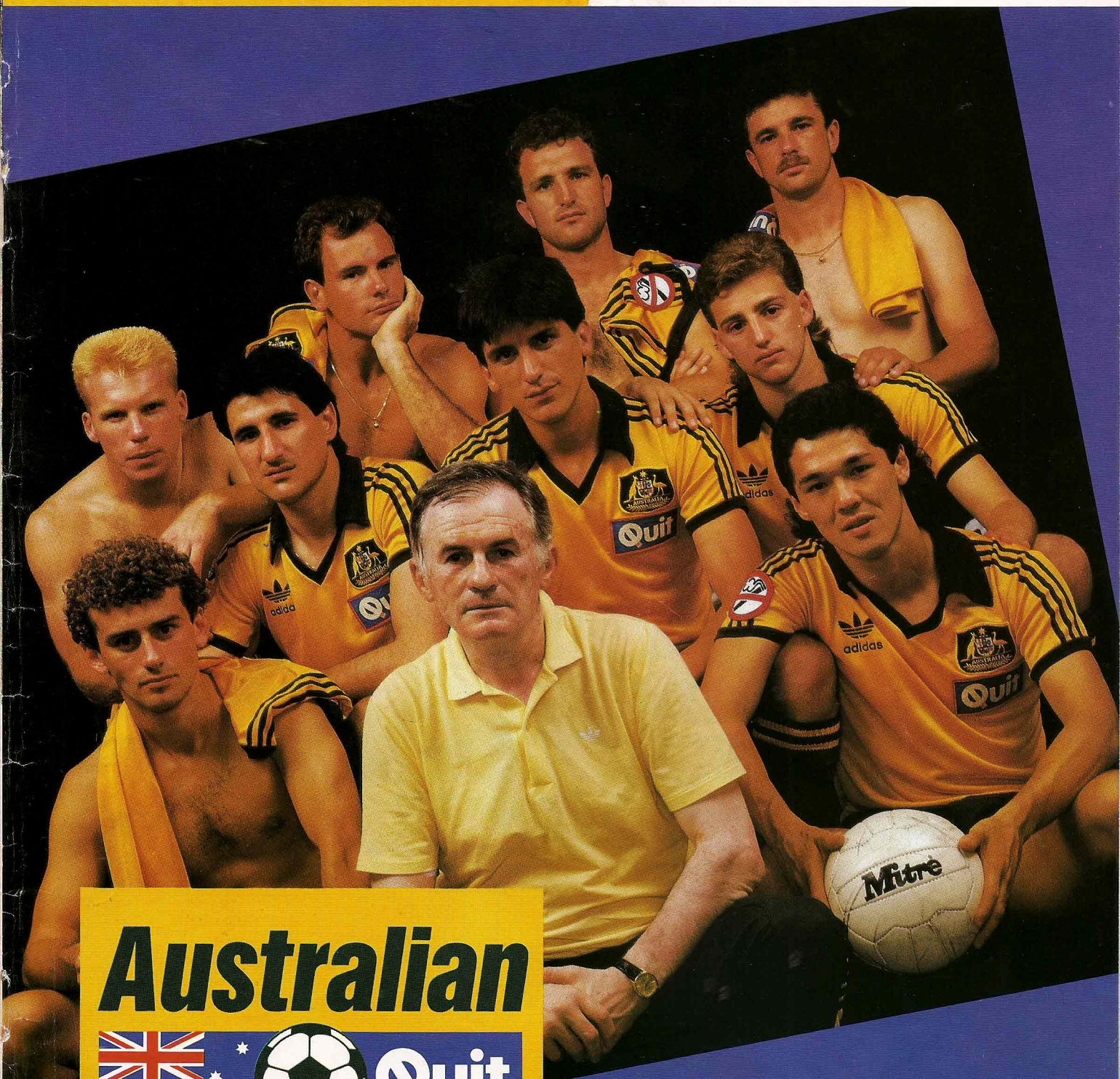
Player	Position	Age	D.o.b.
Barjaktarevic Rade	def	23	19.1.66
Crino Oscarm	df	26	9.8.62
Deankovic Drago	def	29	30.12.59
Durakovic Mehmet	def	23	13.10.65
Fabrizio Luciano	def	25	11.1.64
Karic Tom	def	24	5.10.64
Lazopoulos Bill	fwd	25	10.6.63
Mitrovski Vasco	def	33	4.1.56
Murphy Ken m	df	32	19.6.56
Nikitovic Zoran	gk	31	5.12.57
Palatsides Joe	fwd	23	2.7.65
Raponi Mauro	gk	28	18.2.61
Retre Carlos	fwd	21	13.7.67
Tapai Ernie	mdf	22	14.2.67
Van Egmond Gary	def	23	29.6.65
Vladisevic Vlado	def	22	30.7.66

### Results

Opponents	Results	Scorers
H v Melbourne Croatia	W3-1	(Dimoski 2, Crino pen).
3 A v Marconi	D1-1	(Dimoski).
6 A v Heidelberg Alexander	L1-2	(Palatsides).
11 H v Apia Leichhardt	L0-1.	
12 H v St George	L1-3	(Lazopoulos).
12 A v Sydney Croatia	D0-0.	
13 H v Preston Makedonia	L1-2	(Crino).
13 A v Sunshine George Cross	L1-2	(Deankovic).
13 A v Adelaide City	D0-0.	
13 H v Wollongong	L0-1.	
12 A v Sydney Olympic	W2-0	(Murphy, Retre).
	W2-1	(Retre, Crino).



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